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EATH BLAMED N LEGAL HIGHS

Report by David Cosgrove

A MOTHER has issued a stark warning about the dangers of legal highs, saying they led to her son's suicide.

Benjamin Westwood, known as Ash-

ley, killed himself at his Amblecote home in May, aged 49.

Mr Westwood had started taking legal highs in the year prior to his death and these had 'changed his personality' dramatically, his mother Jacqueline Westwood told Black Country Company Country.

Try Coroners Court.

He became depressed and self-harmed, and this led to several stays in hospital.

Assistant coroner Kally Cheema recorded a verdict of suicide after his mother found Mr Westwood hanged at his home in Perivale Way on May 27.

After the hearing, Mrs Westwood said: "Legal After the nearing, Mrs westwood said: Legal highs are so easy to get hold of and Ashley had taken them for the last six to 12 months.

"You can just go on the internet and get them delivered to your door – it's that easy.

"Taking those drugs changed his personality and I think that was a big contributing factor to the business of the second of the s

to what happened.

Paranoid

"He became paranoid and I think they would've been a large part of that."

After recording her verdict, Miss Cheema said: "It's very tragic for a mother to find her son in the circumstances that you did. I'm very sorry that's something you had to experience.

"It's clear to me from the evidence that it was Mr Westwood's intention to take his life. The only conclusion I can record is one of suicide."

icide."

Mrs Westwood also said she repeatedly raised concerns about her son's welfare but was not listened to.

She said the mental health system had failed Ashley, and asked: "Why didn't anybody do an-

ything?"
Mr Westwood, who was trained as a chef, Mr Westwood, who was trained as a chet, hairdresser and chiropodist, spent time in hos-pital voluntarily in January. However, he told medical staff that he was not feeling suicidal and they had no powers to force him to stay in the hospital. He was due to receive care at

in the nospital. He was due to receive care at home but rejected a number of opportunities. In the weeks before his death he had come under the care of a new doctor, who said he was hopeful of making progress. Mr Westwood was due to meet up with the doctor the day his body

was found. Mrs Westwood said: "I can't understand why nobody listened to me. I said time and time again that this lad was a risk and he was going

again that this lad was a risk and he was going to do something, but all I was told is that 'this is the system'. She said his personality altered in January but before then: "He was helpful, a bundle of laughs and was bright and cheerful." Everybody misses him dreadfully."

Two hundred people attended his funeral

IT'S BACK TO THE TUDORS AT HADEN OLD HALL



Haden Old Hall's Tudor characters — in costume are Ken Waterhouse, Jean Drew, Ray Drew, Helen Holliday and Mark Aston

TUDOR times were brought back to life during a history day at Haden Old Hall.

Music and dancing helped to take people back to the 16th century at the house in Craback to the 16th century at the house in Cradley Heath. The hall was originally built in the late 1600s but has parts dating back to the Tudor period, and is attached to Haden Hill House Museum.

On Sunday staff and volunteers welcomed scores of people to an open afternoon where costumed characters entertained the crowds. Visitors were able to see beautiful birds of the grounds and learn more about

prey in the grounds and learn more about

how they were used in Tudor times for hunting. Many of the birds which were common in Tudor times are now dwindling in numbers. Museum services manager Jane Hanney, from Sandwell Museums Service, said: "The

from Sandwell Museums service, said: "The Old Hall isn't open to the public all the time, unlike the Victorian museum next door, so it is great on open days to see the house come alive with historic characters.

"The hall was probably built in the late 1600s but parts of it may date to the Tudor period."

Friends of Haden Hill Estate have painted the inside with some fabulous historic colours such as red and yellow ochre. "It has transformed the look of the build-

ing."
Haden Hill House Museum will host a craft afternoon on Sunday. The tearoom will be open for afternoon tea from 2pm until 4.30pm. Staff continue the craft theme with a peg

doll making workshop on August 23, costing £1.50, and the birds of prey will make a return to the site on August 30 from 2pm.

RESTORATION Landmark cannon

suddenly removed THE cannon in front of Brierley Hill War Me-

morial has been removed without warning.
The ornamental cannon took pride of place on Church Hill and residents are demanding its return to its long-standing

home.

Residents initially feared it had been stolen but it has actually been removed by Dudley Council, which is securing the site due to landslip concerns

Environment boss Councillor Hilary Bills said the ornamental cannon will be returned in October after restoration work to the wall and bank is completed.

SUPERMARKET

Store petrol station gets the green light

A PETROL station will be built at the Asda supermarket in Brierley Hill after the supermarket giant's application was approved.

was approved.

Asda applied to Dudley Council for permission to add a four-pump filling station beside its car park at the Pearson Street store.

This was given unanimous approval at a development control committee meeting despite some concern over

meeting, despite some concern over loss of car parking spaces and impact

COMMUNITY

Volunteers bringing new life to Civic Hall

THE number of bookings at Brierley Hill Civic Hall has soared since a community group took over the reins six month ago

The venue has been used by theatre and Ine venue has been used by theatre and dance groups and has also hosted fashion shows and weddings.

Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) took over the day-to-day running of the building from Dudley Council in Feb

Andy Gray, chief officer of CVS, said:

"The first six months have been focussed on re-engaging with Brierley Hill people, councillors, traders and charities who like us all want their Civic Hall to flourish."

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NIGEL HASTILOW

HS2 will help London, not Midlands



Green Party's Natalie Bennett the scheme seemed to have missed the

fact local trains need to run from east to west, not just down to London. That is what would help build a stronger local

economy.
"HS2 is the wrong answer for the
West Midlands. It would be much more
beneficial if the Government were to beneficial if the Government were to put the same amount of investment into local infrastructure, particularly in terms of encouraging people to walk and cycle, and into improving bus services." A Midlands Growth Strategy devel-oped by Greater Birmingham & Solihul Local Enterprise Partnership seeks to secure Government funding for dozens

of connected projects. These include extending the Midland Metro from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill through Dudley town centre and introducing super-fast electric bus services linking HS2 stations to the i54 in Wolverhampton as well as Halesowen and Walsall.

But Miss Bennett is in no doubt which part of the country would benefit most from the high-speed rail line. She added: "Under the HS2 proposals 72 percent of journeys would be people travelling into London. All HS2 will achieve is an ever greater focus of resources around the greater focus of resources around the

Taxpayers 'ripped off' by authority set-up

are being 'ripped off' by the set-up costs of the West Midlands Combined Authority, it has been claimed - as each borough pays

the same as Birmingham.
West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge said the second city should pay more towards the £2.1 million cost instead of it being divided equally between

seven councils.

But the UKIP MEP and Dudley council lor's comments have come under fire from the leader of Sandwell Council, Darren

lor's comments have come under me from the leader of Sandwell Council, Darren Cooper, who said the equal cost would ensure every area had an equal say.

Mr Etheridge, who represents Sedgley on Dudley Council, said the cost was being split equally between Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull — each authority budgeting £300,000.

He accused Dudley Council's Labour leadership of allowing the borough to be 'ripped off'. "Going on the results of the 2011 census, residents are having to pay more than three times the price per head as those in Birmingham," he said.

"Birmingham City Council should be paying the lion's share of the costs as they have a far greater budget.

Warning

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"The poor old Dudley taxpayer is having a raw deal here. UKIP have been warning people about the pitfalls of entering into any kind of political union with Birmingham. It seems the Labour Council have fallen straight into the very first trap."

The census in 2011 put the population of Birmingham at 1,073,000, in Dudley it is 312 000

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But Councillor Cooper, who has led the Black Country's negotiations with other councils on the combined authority, which some have called a 'super council', said:

"Mr Etheridge would be the first to combine if Etheridge would be the first to combine the said of the sa

"Mr Etheridge would be the first to com-plain if Birmingham had a greater say than each of the four Black Country boroughs. "This is about us all being equals. If we want that equality between us, then we have to be fair to each other. If Birming-ham put in more than us, there would be people in the city saying they should get the lion's share of the benefits as well."

Boing into the leisure business



Paula James of London & Cambridge Properties with (right) Kerry Clarke of Boing Zone in Stourbridge

A TRAMPOLINE park plus the UK's first 12D cinema experience has opened in Stourbridge.

Situated just off the town's ring road, Boing Zone consists of 5,000 sq ft of connected trampolines. It also features a dodgeball trampoline court, 'tumble track', foam pit and a mezzanine with a viewing and café area.

The enterprise has been opened at the Stourbridge Estate, off Mill Race Lane, by father and daughter team Ian and Kerry Clarke. The

pair have invested around £200,000 in the venture having agreed a 10-year lease for the unit with London & Cambridge Properties.

It has created 10 full-time and 20 part-time jobs.

Mr Clarke, said: "We're very excited to launch Boing Zone. We'll be providing a very safe, fully supervised and stimulating environment for children and adults, which will enable users to have fun and keep physically fit physically fit.

"Our staff will be highly trained

and will enforce our rigorous safety rules and, because there is no reg-ulatory body in the UK, we will adhere to the American Society for Testing and Materials standards."

Boing Zone will also include the country's first 12D cinema experience, which offers up to 12 synchronised, multi-sensory effects including 'active motion' seats.

Mr Clarke, added: "It's a new concept for the UK. There will be 10 short films to see and we'll be adding new titles every month."

Samaritans in plea for aid as funding running dry

A CHARITY has issued a desperate plea for support with bosses fearing it could close if it does not receive a cash injec-

tion.

Brierley Hill Samaritans needs to raise £20,000 each year just to continue running and is currently having to rely on its reserves.

The charity offers an around-the-clock to the charity offers and around the continue of the charity offers and around the continue of the charity of th

support line for people who often turn to them when at their lowest ebb.

Bosses are now calling on businesses and residents to help ensure the vital service is not lost.

The branch in Albion Street takes

more than 25,000 calls each year from people in crisis

people in crisis.

Branch chairman Graham Bristow said: "Each Samaritans branch in an independent charity and has to raise its own money to be able to function.

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"We are currently looking at £20,000 a vear to maintain our branch.

Listeners

"It's something we have to raise. Our rolunteers act as listeners but they are also having to be out there raising money. Some companies select a charity to support for 12 months and that would be an ideal scenario for us."

A significant outlay on upgrading com-A significant outary on upgrading computers has put a further strain on the budget. The upgrade was necessary as Samaritans now keeps in contact with many people through SMS messaging and email.

Anyone interested in donating should email bhsgraham@icloud.com

Village campaign over bank closure

THE chairman of a parish council is

urging people to lodge their objections to plans to close a village's bank branch. Barclays has confirmed it will shut its branch in Worcester Road, Hagley, on November 20. This will leave a branch of Lloyds Bank and the Post Office available for banking agreement to the control of Lloyds Bank and the Post Office available for banking agreement in the citylians.

able for banking services in the village. Councillor Steve Colella has launched councilior Steve Coleila nas launched a campaign to prevent the closure and is urging customers to write to the bank in a bid to persuade them to re-think. Barclays says the number of people using the branch had dropped during

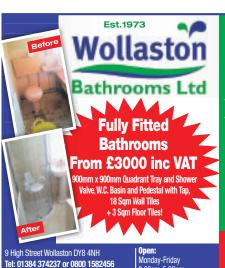
the past year and a large number of cusmers already use nearby branches. Councillor Colella said: "The head of-

fice of Barclays Bank is unaware of the increase in population that Hagley will be seeing in the coming years."

Canine display is part of fundraiser

VOLUNTARY organisation Access in Dudley is holding a summer table top sale in Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Sat-

urday.
The event at the Bank Street venue is from 1pm to 4pm. There will be a dog display from Canine Partners at 2.30pm.



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Bostin' ball raises more than £2k

MORE than £2,000 has been raised for good causes as Miss Black Country hosted her charity ball.

Jade Secker hosted a bostin' variety show which mixed live music, comedy, prize auctions with food served up for guests on Friday night at The Village Hotel in Dudley.

Black Country band The Empty Can performed, alongside comedienne Marlene, The Black Country Wench.

In total £2,133.67 was raised to be donated to the pageant's charity Beauty With a Purpose which helps disadvantaged children.

Firm celebrates 30 years in business

A FAMILY-RUN office equipment firm has marked its 30th anniversary. Pow-ell Office Style in Rowley Regis hosted an open day to celebrate with its cus-tomers, suppliers, business partners and friends.

Sophia Powell, managing director, said: "We employ local people who have all contributed to the continued success of the business.' In the past 30 years, Powell's has supplied more than £3million worth of furniture to for NHS offices, schools

and colleges plus local businesses.

The Station Road firm employs 18.

Vandals targeting former depot site

VANDALS are trespassing on the site of a former distribution centre in Rowley Regis, spraying graffiti, drinking alcohol and setting fires.

Youths are hanging around the for Youths are nanging around the for-mer Norbert Dentressangle depot in Doulton Road. The derelict site has been bought by Mar City Homes and police have been in discussions with the firm over securing it. Officers are conducting regular patrols

Moe than 200 homes are to be built on the site after plans were appro-

Dark Ages theme for village's carnival day

A DARK Ages re-enactment group will be joining in the fun at a revived village carnival.

village carnival.

Dormston Carnival is being held on
Saturday on the fields of Dormston
School, in Sedgley.

Warriors will be demonstrating
Dark Ages combat and also craft skills
at the event off Mill Bank, from 11am
to 50m.

to 5pm.

The Black Country Living Museum

Transport Group will also be display ing vehicles made in the region.

Watches are stolen

THREE watches and a collection of cuff links were stolen from a home in Worcester Road, Clent, near Stour-

Thieves broke in between at around 12.15pm on Wedneday, August 5, at the rear of the property setting off an alarm. Call West Mercia Police on 101.

Man on legal high hit pregnant partner Days later Miss Ralston was woken by the sound

A MAN who hit his pregnant partner and smashed a hole into a door at their Dudley home after taking a legal high has been jailed for 11 months. Ricky Handy, aged 26, had also been drinking when the argument with his former girlfriend

Police cuts

mean more

crime, says

trade boss

business leader.

CRIME will increase in the Black Country if community police officers are taken off the streets, warns a

Up to 2,500 officers and civilian staff are set to lose their jobs in swingeing West Midlands Police cuts. The move is expected to hit community policing hardest, with 650 PCSOs

set to go. Halesowen Chamber of Trade fear the town could be in the firing line with reported crime lower than other

But chairman Wayne Edwards be-lieves the figures could be distorted due to traders being put off reporting

crime.

He said: "You have to ring 101 for a non-emergency now and there can be a time delay. I rang 101 and didn't get a call back for three or four days.

"What is happening is traders are not reporting crime because they don't think it is worth it, they can't hold the suspect.

"It is going to deteriorate even

nt is going to deteriorate even more over the next few months, the presence of PCSOs is going to be lost." Halesowen is currently covered by two shifts each made up of two officers and three PCSOs, but this is expected to a reduced.

Mr Edwards is set to meet with police this children who made in the police of the police o

lice chiefs to discuss his concerns that cuts in officer numbers will result in more crime.

"Crime is going to increase," he added. "We might not have the high-

est reported crime but people are not reporting it."

Problem parking

on a busy street PARKING restrictions may be brought in to solve issues with a clogged street near Stourbridge Junc-

People living in Chawn Park Drive complain of problems caused by com-

muters parking near the busy station.

Extra police patrols have been carried out in the road following com-

ried out in the road following com-plaints about large numbers of cars causing congestion at peak times. Pedmore and Stourbridge East neighbourhood officer Sergeant Andy Holder said the residents have urged the authorities to take action.

the authorities to take action.
He said: "The highways department at Dudley Council have been made aware and are currently looking into this with a view to possibly putting in some parking restrictions."

School gets two

new classrooms

the authorities to take action.

tion train station.

the suspect.

Hicky Harry, when the argument with ms turned ugly.

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Miss Elizabeth Power, prosecuting, told Wolver-hampton Crown Court that Handy admitted assault occasioning bodily harm and two offences of criminal states.

Sarah Ralston on a basis

that at the time 'he was drunk and took a legal

"He did not intend to hurt her, but accepts his behaviour was reckless," Miss Power said. "They

had been in a three-year relationship. At the time they had an 18-month-old child and his partner was pregnant. She rents her home from the defendant's mother and he would stay over approximately one night a week. She thought he was not behaving like

he threw a missile at his girlfriend's £3,000 TV set, breaking the screen. He picked up a plastic bag containing a metal pole which he threw at her, causing her eyebrow to bleed, and grabbed her by the throat.

night a week. She thought he was not benaving like himself and they had money issues."

She said that Handy, of Baptist End Road, Netherton, was verbally abusive, saying that he was 'sick of her' and that he wanted her to leave. He went to a shop in Brierley Hill and spent £15 on a legal high and had alcohol. When he returned be thrown a missile at his circle in 18 of 1

recent change in Handy caused by him taking legal highs and drinking.

For assault Handy was jailed for 10 months, for damaging the TV two months concurrent, for smashing the door he was jailed for one month to

run consecutively Judge John Warner said: "Your offending is aggravated by the fact that a child was present and you were in drink and had taken drugs."

Former college campus is being put on market

has become a target for vandals will

has become a target for vandals will be offered to developers.

Yobs have smashed windows and set fires at the Longlands site, which was once a campus for Stourbridge College.

Residents have called public meetings urging owners Birmingham Metropolitan College (BMET) and Dudley Council to take action.

Now officials from both organisations have confirmed plans to market the site, in Brook Road, Stourbridge, for redevelopment.

Dudley Council bosses believe it would be suitable for retirement homes.

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Stourbridge MP Margot James has welcomed the move and is also asking the council and college to ensure that residents continue to be consulted on the site's future.

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She has urged bosses to ensure that part of
the site is retained for the use of neighbouring
Greenfield Primary School as playing fields.
Ms James said: "We are all agreed that the
development of the site must incorporate the views of residents, as well as secure a return for BMET and Dudley Council.

Benefit

"It is also important that Greenfield secures the part of the land that is designated for school sport and for the wider benefit of young people from across the area. "I am very pleased that commitments have been made to advertise the Longlands site,

which should lead to some realistic development options upon which local residents can be consulted."

Councillor Judy Foster, council member for resources, said: "Providing the land has been declared as surplus to requirements, Dudley Council will jointly market the site over the summer with Birmingham Metropolitan Col-

"We will be welcoming expressions of interwe will be welcoming expressions of inter-est from developers for a comprehensive re-development scheme, particularly those with proposals linked to retirement living. "No timetable has been set as yet, nor a clos-ing date by which all expressions of interest

should be made.

John Starmer, director of estates and capital John Starmer, director of estates and capital projects at the college, said: "The college has put the Longlands property up for sale and is working with Dudley Council in regards to the disposal and potential redevelopment opportunities of the site."

Hall together now for village run



Race organisers Andy Sheppard and (right) John Gillett with (centre) sponsor BodyKraft MD Mike Pugh

AN ANNUAL fun run which has fun run, says the course now in-

AN ANNOAL run run which has raised more than £30,000 for charity will be hosted in stately surroundings this year.

The Kinver 10k has undergone a revamp with a new home and changes to the course to challenge

Enville Hall and its estate will host the start and finish for racers when the event is stage on October 4. The Rotary Club of Kinver, who organise the event and a 2k

fun run, says the course now includes an off-road section through the grounds of the Enville Estate. Officials say the course will remain challenging, including the hills which have featured in the previous on-road only events.

The event has raised more than £30,000 for the Action Heart charity since the first run in 2007.

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Pensnett accident repair centre

BodyKraft is the main sponsor but a number of other local businesses

are also giving support. The 2k race is being organised with the Kinver Fitness Collective and will be a fun run for all abilities and ages over the first section of the main course.

Organising chairman John Gillett said: "We are indebted to Peter and Diana Williams for allowing us to use the grounds of Enville Hall."

See the website www.action heartrunning.com





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A WOMAN in Cambridge has proudly displayed her courgette which is seven feet long. Where is Frankie Howerd when you need him?

A FRIEND of a certain age was mortified to hear himself calling out his food order in the pub: "I'll have the ache and stale pie."

DODGY sums of our time. Research produced in support of Sunday shopping hours being extended suggests that, as stores become more profitable, the average household shopping bill could fall by £64 a year. Baloney, bunkum, balderdash.

REMEMBER the Olympic legacy? That was the theory that we Brits, fired by the example of the 2012 London Olympics, would take up running, jumping and organised sports and become a nation of sleek, snake-hipped athletes. As you may have noticed, it hasn't happened. This is probably because the real lesson of the Olympics was how much fun it is to slob out on the sofa for a fortnight with burgers and fizzy drinks, watching other peors and fizzy drinks, watching other peors. out on the sola for a forthight with burgers and fizzy drinks, watching other people going purple in the quest for gold. The real beneficiaries of the 2012 Games were the sponsors, including the burger and cola firms. The new Sport Minister Tracey Crouch has announced a new consultation or the legacy, declaring: "Sport has such a positive impact on people's lives and I want to embed participation into this nation's DNA." Good luck with that but I fear the hamburgers are already embedded.



ber her not as the motherly trouper of Blind Date but as the bewitching, fragile singer of the 1960s who

the 1960s who could Step Inside Love and make your heart gasp. Part of that wonderful, exciting, hopeful, innocent world of a truly amazing decade is no more.

BACK in the Sixties it took us a while to tune in to the Liverpool accents of the Mersey Sound. I remember being puzzled by Cilla's line which went: "Where the curs of the days will be carried away by the smile on your face." Where were these curs be-ing carried to?

SO, after the collapse of Kids Company how many voluntary organisations will be available to take over some of its work? The answer may surprise you. Britain has about 60,000 children's charities. Should this make us feel terribly proud or deeply ashamed?

A READER says his local college is of-fering English for Speakers of Other Languages under the snappy acronym ESOL. He asks, what initials would they use if the language was Arabic?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

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Business leaders back super-council Prison for

BUSINESS leaders from three chambers of commerce have backed plans to create a combined authority for the West Midlands.

Chief executives of chambers in

Chief executives of chambers in the Black Country, Coventry and Warwickshire and Greater Birming-ham said they were supporting the seven metropolitan council leaders in wanting to set up the West Midlands Combined Authority.

They endorsed it in a letter ahead of a conference in Birmingham where council leaders and business figures will discuss the authority, dubbed a 'super-council' by some, taking on

super-council by some, taking on powers over regeneration, skills and transport from the Government.

It takes place at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce offices in Edgbaston on Wednesday, August 10

The chambers' letter, signed by Margaret Corneby from the Black Country, Louise Bennett for Cov-entry and Warwickshire and Paul Faulkner for Greater Birmingham, said the council leaders had provided

'a powerful basis for a successful combined authority'.

It added: "We would now like to add formally the weight of the three leading business support organisa-

tions in the area, representing the private enterprise that will be vital to the success of combined authority. "We do believe that the chambers should be collectively built into the should be collectively built into the engagement process going forward. The recent growth in our respective areas was private-sector led and it is important that this continues."

"Businesses in our regions see this as a tremendous opportunity."

Landlords facing fines over illegal immigrants

by Daniel Wainwright

PRIVATE landlords in the Black Country are the first to face £3,000 fines if they do not keep strict controls on immigrants renting

homes.
Wolverhampton, Walsall,
Sandwell and Dudley, along
with Birmingham, are part of a pilot scheme that sees landlords face the threat of legal action if they let a property to someone who has no right to be in Brit-

ain.

If they fail to conduct checks they already face fines of £1,000 per tenant and £80 per lodger, rising to £3,000 and £500 for repeated offences. The new scheme will also introduce a five-year prison term for

introduce a five-year prison term for persistent offenders.

There are warnings that the Government has not given landlords and letting agents enough information, as they plan to roll out measures to allow them to end tenancies for anyone who entered the country illegally or whose right to stay has expired.

Evaluation

It came as French police figures suggested as many as seven in 10 migrants in Calais may be reaching the UK.

The Home Office the pilot scheme

The Home Office the pilot scheme in the Black Country was 'currently the subject of an evaluation which will be published in due course'. Landlords say they fear they are being made to act as border guards. Lyndon Whitehouse, of Wednesfield-based L&A Lettings, said: "It sounds as though we are meant to become like border guards and do the Government's job for it. We already have the embarrassment of ready have the embarrassment of having to check the immigration status of people who are obviously born and bred here." Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin added: "The Government is complately failing to get a grin But

completely failing to get a grip. But if employers have to check the immigration status of their workers I don't see why landlords should not."

Manager raises locks of money



Kingswinford hospice shop manager Caroline Painter after her charity head shave

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FROM pink locks to a grade one cut – a Compton Hospice shop manager had her head shawed to raise vital cash for the charity.

Mother-of-three Caroline Painter, who runs the store in Kingswinford, wanted to her bit to help a fund set up after the Wolverhampton-based hospice was raided by metal thieves.

Lead was stolen from the

Lead was stolen from the roof and around £20,000 worth of damage was caused to the charity's base at The Cedars during two separate raids in May. Catalytic con-verters were also taken from three charity vans.

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Mrs Painter, aged 41,
called in the help of barber
Ned Simmons, who runs
Ned's Barber Shop in Wolverhampton. He shaved off
her short bob, leaving her
with 3mm of hair all over,
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with 3mm of nair all over, known as a grade one cut.

Mrs Painter, who lives in Wombourne and has worked for Compton Hospice for three years, says she is getting used to her new look.

Her efforts have so raised around £200 for the charity but has set a target of £300. "The hospice has suffered because of the break-ins and

because of the break-ins and the vans being vandalised so I wanted to do something to help the fundraising," said Mrs Painter.

"The hospice does a fan-tastic job of caring for peo-ple with life limiting illness and supporting their fami-lies."

Around £6,000 has been received in donations from residents and businesses since the devastating raids.

An offer of free CCTV

from a security firm has also been taken up by the hospice, which costs £6 million a year to run.

harassment and threats to ex-partner

A MAN who threatened to kill his for

A MAN who threatened to kill his former lover has been locked up for 18 months after breaking a court order to keep away from her — just hours after it was made.

James Pearson and the woman had been together for 17 years when the relationship hit the rocks, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The order banning the 33-year-old from contacting her in any way or going within 100 metres of her home was served on him on March 2. Later the same day he shouted threats to kill the woman through her letter box kill the woman through her letter box the same day he shouted threats to kill the woman through her letter box later the same day before returning two hours later to shout more insults, said Mr Lee Egan, prosecuting.

The next afternoon Pearson went back again and she called the police. He was seen by officers and bailed pending further inquires but this did not stop the harassment.

On March 17 he went to his ex-partner's workplace and left a message warning that if she did not drop the case against him he would 'do her'.

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"She was so frightened that she would not leave the house with her young son," added Mr Egan.

Pearson, of New Road, Netherton, who had previous convictions for drug and dishonesty offences, admitted three breaches of the order and in-timidating a witness

three breaches of the order and in-timidating a witness.

He now accepted the relationship was at an end, the court was told.

He was jailed by Judge Amjad Nawaz who told him: "Witness in-timidation strikes at the core root of the criminal justice system." the criminal justice system.

Landmark sells out in five months

A NEW flats development in a former office block in Brierley Hill has sold

out in five months.

The Landmark is being created by the redevelopment of the 140,000 sq ft site at The Waterfront.

ft site at The Waterfront.

It is scheduled for completion in December and is creating 181 homes, a mixture of one and two-bedroomed flats and penthouse apartments.

The Landmark is the former Point North building, originally the head-quarters of banking operation Egg, and has been empty for six years.

Wolves legend Steve Bull is among those who have snapped up an apartment, which were on sale for between £89.950 and £149.950.

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Birmingham-based Seven Capital haspledged to build 5,000 homes in the Midlands.

Family-run salon is celebrating success

A FAMILY-RUN beauty business has been voted salon of the year by a top skincare brand.

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The Beauty Monns, in Figure Sector, Wall Heath, were awarded the Clar-ins Gold Award following five-star reviews for their treatments and staff.



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No opposition to mosque at empty former health centre

FORMER health centre in Brierley

A FORMER health centre in 2011 Hill is being converted into a mosque. The building in Albion Street is

The building in Albion Street is currently undergoing a complete refit, with new plans showing it has been taken over by the Jamia Mosque Rizia, is based in nearby Trinity Street.

The group did not need to apply for planning permission to convert the site into a mosque as it is the same use class as the health centre under planning rules.

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Dudley Council said neighbouring residents and businesses had been informed and that no objections had been received. The health centre had operated for more than 40 years.

operated for more than 40 years.
The latest application concerns changes to the building, which has remained vacant since closing as a health centre. Planners said they did not believe the change to a mosque would have an adverse impact.
Plans to create a 'mega mosque' in Dudley have attracted widespread opposition with far-right groups protesting in the town.
An officer's report said: "As this is a relatively modern building the external alterations are considered to the appropriate in terms of scale and

ternal alterations are considered to the appropriate in terms of scale and appearance. The new doors and addi-tional glazing incorporate well within the fabric of the building." Brierley Hill councillor Zafar Islam said "I have stressed very strongly that the people involved at Trinity Street Mosque talk to neighbours and they should invite neighbours in at the earliest opportunity."

Music to boost mavor's charities

SINGERS are tuning up for a musical fundraiser in aid of the Mayor of Dudley's chosen charities.

Six acts, including Elvis Presley and Michael Bublé tribute acts, will be performing at Parkes Hall Social Club in Dudley on August 27 from 8pm.

in Dudley on August 27 from Spm.
All the proceeds will go to Mayor
Councillor Steve Waltho's chosen
charities, which are The Hope Centre in Halesowen, The What Centre
in Stourbridge, More Mascots Please
at Brierley Hill, the Georgina Unit at
Russells Hall Hospital, and the West
Midlands branch of Lupus UK, based
in Coseley.

Councillor Waltho said:"This is shaping up to be a fantastic night."

Tickets cost £2.50 from the club or Sue Randall on 07412 531924.

Yobs on Cider Avenue targeted

YOBS have been drinking, smoking and using foul language near homes in Quarry Bank, prompting extra po-lice patrols.

Police say there have been com-

Police say there have been com-plaints about groups in Cider Avenue.

Concern over French Bulldog puppies



PUPPIES illegally imported from Poland have been sold in the Black Country by 'unscrupulous' dealers. The French Bulldog pups, which can sell for £2,000 each, may not have

can seil for £2,000 each, may not nave been properly vaccinated and officials are trying to find them. The RSCPA has urged people to be vigilant, saying there is no guarantee about the health of dogs. Environ-mental health officers in Sandwell are now trying to trace up to 15 puppies that are believed to have been illegally imported. The council says the dogs were sold from an address in Tividale.

Anybody who has bought a puppy

from the area, which was supplied with a pet passport from Poland, is advised to contact environmental health officials

Puppies can only be imported legally once they are 15 weeks old, which gives time to have necessary vaccinations in their country of origin.

Passport

"They must also be microchipped and accompanied by a passport that

matches the microchip.

Sandwell Council leader, Councillor
Darren Cooper, said: "Unfortunately,

falsified passports are being used by unscrupulous importers. If you are not confident that the puppy you are interested in buying matches the de-tails in the passport, particularly if the puppy seems to be younger than the age given in the passport, then you should contact your vet or the council for further advice.

council for further advice.
"If puppies have been imported for sale they may only be sold through a licensed pet shop, so imported puppies should never normally be sold from a private address."

Anyone who has bought such a puppy is asked to call 0121 569 6600.

Parents wanted to share experience

A BRIERLEY Hill children's charity is seeking volunteers.

Home-Start needs helpers to assist them support families in the commu-nity. The charity helps parents build better lives for their children.

Peter Dyson, trustee and volunteer, said: "We give volunteers excellent training to be able to support families with children under five in lots of ways. We may help with parenting tins or hy listening." tips, or by listening.

To help Home-Start contact the organisation on (01384) 482733. Training sessions start on September 23.

More mortgage applications made

THE Tipton and Coseley Building Society has reported a 10 per cent rise in mortgage applications during the first half of this year.

Between January and June, the society which also has branches in Sedgley and Bilston processed £38.29 million of mortgage applications. The amount was up from £33.72m for the same noviced left was same period last year.

Richard Newton, the Tipton's chief executive, said: "Interest rates remain at a historical low level and people are taking advantage of the competitive rates on offer."

Tea party to put venue in spotlight

A TWO-DAY Bostin' Tea Party event is being planned to showcase Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

The event on September 25 and 26 will feature entertainment, food and

Dudley Council transferred its day Dudiey Council transferred its day-to-day management of the venue to Dudley Council for Voluntary Ser-vice earlier this year to save money on running costs. Dudley CVS wants to increase the number of shows and vents held each year.

Boot camp is fit for raising hospice money

A CHARITY keep-fit boot camp is be-ing held to raise funds for Mary Ste-vens Hospice in Stourbridge.

vens Hospice in Stourbridge.
WLH Fitness is organising the
event at Thorns Community College,
Quarry Bank, next month.
The event, which is being held on
Sunday, September 13, from 10am, is

open to all ages and costs £5 to join in the fun. Call 07900 974956. The fitness group offers a range of keep-fit workouts including boxercise classes

Swimming sessions

FAMILIES can make a splash at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre. Parent and toddler swimming sessions for youngsters four months to four years will run every Thursday in August. The half-hour sessions start at 2pm with a qualified instructor. £4 per child. Call (01384) 812800.

Disabled man's legal bid over vote problem

he is planning to take legal action against Dudley Council after claiming he was denied his right to a private

wote at the General Election.
Graham Kirwan, of Brierley Hill, insists equipment provided at polling stations in the borough to aid people with sight problems is

borough to aid people with sight problems is inadequate.

He was not able to cast his vote in May's election without assistance but refused help as he says this would have compromised his right to a vote. He has not voted for nine years due to difficulties he has had with the equipment and his refusal to allow anyone else into the booth with him. Polling stations in Dudley are fitted with magnifiers to help people with sight problems see their polling cards but Mr Kirwan insists he is unable to use them.

The 55-vear-old suffers with Juvenile Macular

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The 55-year-old suffers with Juvenile Macular Degeneration, a hereditary condition that has left him with only peripheral vision.

He said: "When you go into the polling station you can have the ballot paper altered into large print but the majority of visually-impaired people and the polling station you can have the ballot paper altered into large print but the majority of visually-impaired people are the polling station. can't read it.

can't read it.

"My neighbour took me to the polling station and
we asked the people at the place what I should do
as I am visually impaired. They said the only solution was for my neighbour to come in and help me.
But then it wouldn't be a secret vote. Somebody else could put an 'x' in the box.

Democratic

"The UK always tries to claim it is a democratic country but the majority are allowed to vote and some are not allowed to vote."

the issue and was attempting to take action against the council. Mr Kirwan said he had contacted a solicitor over

the council.

He claims the council is in breach of article 29
the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with
Disabilities, which states disabled people must be
able to 'vote by secret ballot in elections'.

He believes introducing online voting would
make it easier for disabled people. "I want electronic voting," he said.

Phillip Tart, Dudley Council strategic director
for resources and transformation, said. "Ballot pa-

Phillip Tart, Dudley Council strategic director for resources and transformation, said: "Ballot pa-pers are printed in the format as specified by the legislation. All polling stations are provided with magnifiers and selector templates to aid partial-ly-sighted people to vote independently. Electors with disabilities can also be assisted by a compan-ion or the presiding officer."



Graham Kirwan, from Brierley Hill, says he has been denied his right to vote in private due to disability

Concern over lack of lending for business

A SHARP contraction in busi-

A SHARP contraction in business lending, revealed by new figures from the Bank of England, is a cause for concern say Black Country business leaders.

Johnathan Dudley, managing partner and head of manufacturing business at Crowe Clark Whitehill and chairman of the Alliance for the Black Country, said: "Clearly there is a growth in confidence in business and a

willingness to do deals but after

willingness to do deals but after the problems of a few years ago there appears to be a reluctance of business to borrow from banks, who businesses perceive require too much in return.

"Although this gap has been partly filled by challenger lend-ers and alternative finance sources, the growing reluctance to engage with banks will con-tinue to stifle investment and

growth. Government schemes such as Funding for lending and Enterprise Finance Guarantee clearly haven't worked and they need overhauling and replacing. In addition, there needs to be a restoration of trust between the hanks and businesses.

He said an increase in business lending was essential for delivering the aim to double the size of the Black Country economy.

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we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

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Charitable thoughts in light of collapse

HAVING seen her mug all over the place this week, it had been troubling me who Carnila Batmanghelidjh really was. My initial thought was she looked like a kind of radioactive Ena Sharples. But then

it dawned on me. The



Camila Bat-manghelidjh

it dawned on me. The woman who persuaded David Cameron to hand over £3 million of tax-payers' money the week before her organisation folded is not a charity worker, but is actually Black Country comedienne Lizzie Wigglins.
The Prime Minister has been had over by the Duchess of Dudley.

THE serious guestion The duchess, Lizzie Wiggins been asking, is what constitutes a charity

been asking, it will be these days?

It used to be simple enough, somebody might rattle at in in the high street, or maybe sell you a couple of raffle tickets, and the money went directly to the poor or the circle.

the money went directly to the poor or the sick.
But these days we have charities that receive millions upon millions of pounds from the public purse, employing hundreds of people. The chief executive is paid £90,000 a year, and appears as a guest on Question Time. Few people outside the Westminster bubble really know what these organisations do, but we are assured by the trustees, who are drawn from the great and the good, that their work is vital. good, that their work is vital.

Well I'm sorry, but that doesn't sound like a charity to me. That sounds suspiciously like a quango.

IN what sounded like a belated April Fool, Leicestershire Police admitted to only investigating attempted burglaries where the target is a house with an even number. Of course, those responsible for the idea

Of course, those responsible for the idea say it is all about resources and cutbacks. Well here's another idea. Why don't they have a new policy of only issuing parking tickets to blue, white or green cars, and turn a blind eye to minor infringements by the drivers of red, grey or silver ones? Or why not ignore half of all speeding offences by, say, letting off drivers of saloon and estate cars?

And what would be the likelihood of any of that happening? Pretty close to zero. The powers that be are always very selective when it comes to police cutbacks.

NOT my joke, but I think it deserves a wider audience. A cricket commentator telephones the Australian dressing room, and asks to speak to Michael Clarke. "He's just gone out to bat," replies the kit man, who picks up the phone. "No worries," replies the journalist. "I'll hold."





Emergency planning officer Frank Bird in the control room



Meet the motorway team of jambusters

ROB COX meets the men and women who keep the West Midlands on the move 24/7

FROM a single nerve centre off the M5, a dedicated team of Highways England operators monitor more than 1,600 miles of road.

It is a 24/7 undertaking, supported by 140 roadside officers, with the sole pur-pose of keeping the Midlands' roads free of congestion.

of congestion.

Walking into the bustling control centre, located at Quinton Business Park, you could be forgiven for thinking you had accidentally entered mission control at NASA.

A huge television display spans the entire of the front wall while rows of operators, complete with headsets, attempt to assess the data it presents.

the with meaners, attempt to assess the data it presents. In the centre is a map of the Midlands' mo-torways stretching from Junction 16 of the M6 at Stoke down as far as Strensham Services off the M5, shortly before it meets the M50.

Footage

It also shows the main A-roads running west towards the Welsh border and spans as far east as Banbury in Oxfordshire. In total the control centre monitors 800

miles of motorway, including the M6, M5 and M54, and 860 miles of A-road including the A5,

A38 and A50.

Around the central map live footage is displayed from a selection of more than 700 cameras located across this busy network or roads. To help the operators, of which there are 60 working across six shifts, the display offers other sources of information. On the left of the imposing screen are images from a 24-hour news service, Sky or BBC, which can be the first to alert Highways England to a crash. Below that are wind speed readings which are particularly important for the Midlands' roads as the region has the highest concentration of elevated motorways in the UK.



Mission control - the hi-tech control room at Highways England at Quinton Business Park

Anything above 25mph can seriously affect

Anything above 25mpn can seriously affect high-sided vehicles. Anything above 20mph and 'High Wind – Slow Down' is automatically displayed on the gantries.

And to the far right of the screen is information on the region's two sections of 'smart motorway' which run along parts of the M6 and M4?

and M42.

This technology uses variable speed limits displayed above the carriageway and allows drivers to use the hard shoulder during peak times.

Emergency planning officer Frank Bird explains: "The main way we achieve this is through a series of copper loops located under the motorway which detect changes in the speed of traffic.

"When the traffic slows down the technology in the road sends a message to the overhead gantries to state 'queue caution' or 'slow

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down' The next step then will be to check the

down' The next step then will be to check the nearest available camera on the network to see if we can see the incident.

"If, for example, a car has been flipped upside down over one of the loops, the technology can detect the car is not moving and sent us an automated signal. We would then kick into overdrive and start closing the motorway.

"We will muickly out a response car nut there

overdrive and start closing the motorway.

"We will quickly get a response car out there which can deal with matters like oil spills and start putting cones out."

In the case of a serious crash, where there is the need to close the motorway entirely, the focus of the control centre staff is on doing so as quickly as possible. The aim is to minimise the number of vehicles which are then stranded between where the accident took place and where the motorway has been closed.

Mr Bird, added: "On some occasions the nature of the incident allows us to let motorists

if the incident is potentially a fatal one it is very unlikely we could do that as the scene will need to be preserved for the corner's investiga-tions. In that case we need to turn the traffic around and send them back to the junction behind.

"As a general rule we work to the estimation a mile of traffic takes about an hour to release

a mile of traffic takes about an nour to release, so getting the motorway shut quickly in the first instance is crucial."

Smart motorways are perhaps the biggest tool at the control centre's disposal when it comes to reducing congestion. But how does slowing drivers down to 50mph speed up their

journey?
"If you slow people down to 50mph it might feel sluggish, but there is an improvement in journey time reliability," said Mr Bird. "Otherwise at busy times people go at 70mph and have to brake very sharply and that is when the state of the same here."

you get a crash."

Ultimately all the work by Highways England, particularly that from its control centre, is an effort to keep drivers safe.

Listening to Mr Bird it is clear that staff at the control centre can get frustrated at the reasons some accidents take place in the first

With ever-increasing numbers of people having a smart mobile phone, there has been a big campaign to alert drivers to the dangers of using the devices while behind the wheel.

Selfies

Taking 'selfies' while driving has even been blamed for a peak in crashes on the UK's roads. There are other causes of accidents too. Mr Bird said: "It is amazing how many times there is a crash on one side of the road

and you see many cars on the other side skidding and breaking and then you hear a smash. It is the 'rubberneckers' who are busy watching what the emergency crews and ourselves are doing, not what is in front of them. Now we can put up big blue screens so drivers travalling in the other direction, cannot see what elling in the other direction cannot see what

elling in the other direction cannot see what has happened."

With more than 30 million cars licensed to be on the road in the UK, Highways England certainly have their work cut out to keep the traffic flowing.

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could play a key role

I BELIEVE that saving the Hippodrome is something many local people seriously care about. The Hippodrome should be a major link between the zoo and the Black Country Museum. The stage at the Hippodrome is sacred, with entertainers like Laurel and Hardy along with many other famous people performing there in years gone

forming there in years gone

by.
The Hippodrome could be sub-divided so as to keep the stage and maybe the first 20 rows of seats. This is what many theatres in American theme parks have done. The rest of the theatre could then be franchised off, cafe,

heritage centre, etc.

'The Zoo – The Hippodrome — Black Country
Museum — Canal Trips Experience' would complete a superb day out.

I believe that this package Î believe that this package would be an excellent opportunity to extend tourism in Dudley. If we are to attract a greater volume of visitors to the area, I believe we would need to reach out.

We could all benefit from that couldn't we?

GOAKLEY
Stourbridge

AN application has been made to demolish the landscape instead of destroying another

another distinct historical building in Dudley to make way for housing.

The threat this time is to the Gilbert Wich would make unique dwelling places Claughton Building, Blowers Green Road.

Built in 1904, primarily as a school, it has in later years been used as council administrative offices and training facilities.

This is a substantial, well-detailed, fine example of a school building of the period, contributing significantly to the appearance of the period of the

Sacred stage **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

We should look after our own people first

WHEN you hear the dread-ful conditions that some of the immigrants are fleeing from you cannot help but feel for them. If you could go from poverty like they have lived in to what must seem like a life of luxury then you would probably do the same.

But we can only help so many and we have to make a stand. They have to come through the proper channels and have a job to come to.

Our benefit system is not

a bottomless purse and no matter how hard it may be matter how hard it may be to turn away starving people with children and no homes, we have to put our own first. Imagine you have a small income and a modest home

and you are asked to feed and house a large group of people in your home. They will contribute nothing

and you must do this at the expense of your family. You couldn't do it and you wouldn't do it.

What this country is on a much bigger scale but the same situation, we are putting looking after them be-

ting looking after them before our own.

I have just read that
an old people's home was
closed recently because it
needed money spent on it.
Elderly people heartbroken
because they did not want to
move, local residents fought
to keen it open to ne avail

Indove, total residents longing to keep it open to no avail. Now they are opening it up again to house immigrants. You couldn't make it up!

We have to close the purse and say no to anyone who does not have a job to come to - no benefits and no free

J JAMES

ring and ride

REGARDING reports on the declining use of Ring and Ride

and Ride.

I have a 90-year-old neighbour who is almost blind and, due to a chest condition, is unable to use public transport. So she does not go out unless she is able to book Ring and Ride.

Since the change over in

Since the change over in March it is terrible to get through to them.

She loves to go into Dud-ley on a Tuesday but rarely can as they say there are no journeys available.

Sometimes on a Friday when she pesters them, she can get to Merry Hill with very little shopping time.

very nttle snopping time. She doesn't mind paying the £1 journey just to get out some days but sometimes when I go with her she is in such a distressed state because of Ring and Ride.

I have rung Head Office many a times and brought it up at the community meetings - surely it can be organised better for these people to get out.

R PLAISTER

Dudley

A 'thank you' to firefighters

COULD we please, through your paper, say a big thank you to Stourbridge Fire Bri-

I phoned to ask them if they could advise us about safety in the home. They came the very next day, even though they had just

even though they had just attended a fire.

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*Thousands of pupils attending schools that contain asbestos

THOUSANDS of children in the Black Country are attending schools that still have asbestos in their structures.

Some 86 per cent of schools still contain the substance, which can cause health problems if disturbed. A total of 101 of Dudley's 107 schools have asbestos. The figure is 69 out of 76 schools in Wolverhampton and 216 of Worcestershire's 243.

> If a person is exposed to asbestos dust during building work it can lead to serious health problems including

> > **Funding**

Campaigners say the Government should provide funding for schools to get rid of asbestos. Councillor Ian Cooper, Dudley's children's services chief, said: "Any

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The number of schools is not available for Sandwell but figures show that 46,880 pupils in Sandwell attend schools were asbestos is present.

There overall figure is 344,886 pupils in the Black Country, Stafford-shire and Worcestershire attending schools where there is asbestos.

Asbestos was banned as a building material in 1999 but there is no legal requirement to remove it – and councils insist children are not at risk.

If a person is exposed to asbestos **Pub** is facing demolition in homes plan

A FORMER pub in Sedgley is set to be demolished under new plans which would see 10 homes being built in its

The Leopard Inn, in Dudley Road, will be bulldozed if the plans get the

New properties will be built on the site of the pub and its 46-space car

Seven three-bedroom homes, a pair of two-bedroom homes and a one-bed-room flat would be constructed under the plans submitted by Renewable Consultancy.

The Leopard is the latest Sedgley

pub to be targeted by developers with supermarket giant Morrison's already getting permission to take over the

Seven Stars in Gospel End Road.
Renewable Consultancy said the
homes at the old Leopard would make
use of previously developed land and help improve the fortunes of nearby

ast concert for iconic music venue



Food rather than music will be the emphasis at The Kingfisher with a revamp planned for the restaurant

ICONIC Dudley music venue The Kingfisher, which has hosted live entertainment for almost 50 years, has staged its final gig.

The club at Wall Heath has hosted many famous names over the years from the music and comedy scenes, in-cluding in the 1960s Jimi Hendrix and even an early line-up of The Beatles. As a cabaret venue it attracted Bob Monkhouse, Frank Carson and Bernard Manning.

But a lack of customers in recent years has forced the current owners

to sell the Kidderminster Road bar, club and restaurant. The country club, hotel and gym at the site are not affected by the sale.

The venue bowed out with a 1980s-themed party when Born In The Eighties took to the stage. Ten staff have been made redundant.

Director David Facer, who took over the running of the venue in May 2013, said it had been a difficult decision to put it on the market.

He said: "The first year we had very good trading. We then suffered a

downturn in trading during the summer of 2014, with a rush of other clubs opening in Stourbridge and Wolverhamsten

"Now the brewery has called-in a loan early and we are struggling financially. We needed this place to be busy three times a week to break even but we could never get more than two. We have been trying to sell the place since October and luckily we have found a buyer." buyer

The new owners will turn the club into a bigger restaurant

More than 100 arrests made for grooming

last five years in connection with online child grooming.

A total of 112 arrests have been

made between January 1, 2010, and December 31 2014, after police dealt with 58 suspected incidents.

with 58 suspected incidents.

These figures refer to cases where an adult over the age of 18 are accused of meeting with a child under the age of 16 after allegedly grooming online.

According to a Freedom of Information request, 18 of the 58 accusations dealt with by West Midlands Police resulted in a charge The highest number of arrests came in 2012 with 28.

Detective Superintendent Tim Bacon, from West Midland Police's Public Protection Unit, said: "The figures relate to a very specific offence: actually meeting children under 16 following grooming where the offender is over 18-years-old. Instances of these crimes are very rare.

"The numbers should not be taken

"The numbers should not be taken as an indication of the force's overall approach to tackling child abuse. If approach to tacking clima douse. In used in isolation they will give a much distorted and wholly inaccurate view of the issue as a whole. West Midlands Police have a very proactive approach to targeting online abusers and investigate crimes thoroughly. Our focus is always the victim and their wellbeing."

Top Gun movie night at Merry Hill drive-in

A DRIVE-IN movie night is being held at intu Merry Hill.

The 1986 film Top Gun, starring Tom Cruise, is being shown on the main car park at the shopping complex on Friday, August 21, at 9.30pm.

Tickets are being sold in advance from the customer service desk at the shopping centre with proceeds going to local charity Promise Dreams. Gates will open at 7pm and the sound to local charity Promise Dreams. Gates will open at 7pm and the sound will be available via car radios.

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It's the best time of vear to due to the closure of a Dudley community centre will be accommodated at three new developments, says the council boss.

Little Saints Nursery at St Thomas's Community Network in Kates Hill closed at the end of term with 52

Coupciller Love said. "We have for a

cause of funding cuts.

Councillor Lowe said: "We have, for a number of years, provided administrative and financial help to the charity, but with ever decreasing funding from central government, we are not in a position to meet the increasing pressures on the council budget.

"However we will count?"

"However, we will continue to provide help and support to the charity, including the staff and people using the services, as they wind down their work.

Sufficient

"As part of this, we are confident that there will be sufficient places for all children within the network's nursery, which closed earlier this month."

The new developments include the privately run Learning Journey Day Nursery which opened in July in Bromley, near Brierley Hill, providing 50 places.

A pre-school service provided in partnership with several schools at St John's Parish Hall in Kates Hill will offer 20 places from March.

An existing day care provider in the bor-ough, which cannot yet be named, is to develop a new 50-place day nursery near Dudley town centre, due to open in Janu-

Fit to help Olympics group



Jean Hughes presents a cheque to Mac Scott MBE watched by members of the keep fit and Dudley Olympics groups

A KEEP fit class has exercised its fundraising skills by raising £1,500 for the Dudley Olympics disability

The Jean Hughes Keep Fit group, based in Wordsley has raised more than £120,000 for various charities in the Black Country since its formation 43 years ago.

Founder, Jean Hughes, said: "We raised the money for the Dudley Olympics group over a two year period. We have held raffles, bring and

buy sales and barn dances to raise

the money."

Dudley Olympics aims to give people with learning difficulties a chance to participate in sports training and events.

It was founded in 1982 and during the last three decades its membership has risen from just six athletes to more than 100.

Founder Mac Scott said: "It's a wonderful thing that the ladies have done."

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Budget chain Aldi plans to open more stores

BUDGET supermarket Aldi has un-BUDGET supermarket Aldı nas un-veiled a £600 million expansion which includes hiring 8,000 more staff and opening hundreds of new stores — in-cluding one in Lye. The supermarket is aiming to in-crease its UK workforce to 35,000, as well as open 130 new stores in the two-vear planned investment.

Aldi has boomed in recent years and Aldi has boomed in recent years and in April overtook Waitrose as the UK's sixth-biggest supermarket, with a 5.3 per cent slice of the market.

It already has a string of stores across the Black Country and has plans laid for a new store in Oldbury

to open in October and a second store in Stafford in November.

It has also secured pianning per-mission for a new store on a former industrial site in Lye, another on the old British Sugar site at Kiddermin-ster and one on the site of the derelict King Arthur pub on Birmingham New Road in Dudley.

The stores usually create 40 full jobs

New Street cabbies in boycott threat over pick-up fees

ham are threatening to boycott New Street Station after being told they will have to pay extra fees of up to £1,000 per year to pick up passengers.

There were fears that thousands of

commuters could be left stranded.

The taxi driver's union, RMT, is meeting with Network Rail bosses over the charges, which the union say could see drivers forced out of business

RMT added that drivers already pay a 20p fee to the station every time they pick up a passenger there. It also stated that drivers had show great patience in working around the construction site for the last five

years.
But Network Rail says the new fees, which are being introduced when the statement and the statement of the statement o which are being introduced when the sta-tion fully opens on September 20, are part of a policy to improve air quality by issuing higher charges for the more polluting cars. RMT general secretary Mick Cash, said: "None of our taxi driver members will ac-cort Network Pail", towns. Thus area.

cept Network Rail's terms. They are all united and determined that no-one will pay this extortionate fee.

"Instead, drivers will be forced to ply

Network Rail's actions will simply inconvenience passengers by making them walk further to pick up a taxi.

Congestion

"This will have serious consequences and create severe congestion throughout the surrounding area.

surrounding area.
"Bearing in mind that £750 million has been spent refurbishing New Street station to benefit passengers, it is appalling that one of the results will be to disrupt and inconvenience passengers with onward travel needs as taxi drivers are unfairly pe

Network Rail said the new charge is de-signed to discourage older and more polluting vehicles.

ng vehicles.

A spokeswoman added: "The charge is on a sliding scale, similar to the road tax, starting at around £400 per year. The £1,000 is at the higher end of the scale.

at the higher end of the scale.

"This is designed to ensure better air quality and a better customer experience."

The disruption could start during September as an unprecedented number of major events are being held in the city cen-

Tribute to motorcyclist



Stewart Hollyoake - had fallen in love with motorbikes aged in his 40s

'HE was loving and helpful – the type of bloke who would always be there for you if you were in trouble.'

These are the words of Wayne Shaw as he paid tribute to his brother-in-law Stewart Hollyoake, following his tragic death in a motorbike crash.

Biking fanatic Mr Hollyoake, 52, was killed last month in an accident in Shropshire.

Mr Shaw, 50, said engineer Mr Hollyoake had fallen in love with motorbikes late in life, having only gained his licence in his 40s. But his love of being out on the road took over from all his other hobbies.

Mr Hollvoake died in an accident on the B4368 between Craven Arms and Bridgnorth on July 31 at 4.50pm.

4.50pm.

Mr Shaw, of Tilston Drive, Brierley Hill, married to Mr Hollyoake's sister Joanne, said: "Stewart loved his family. He lived life how he wanted to live it and was a proud man. He looked after his mum. He was also a really funny guy, he had a wicked sense of humour."

Mr Hollyoake was raised on the Brickhouse Estate in Rowley Regis, where his mother, Sheila-Anne, still lives. His home was in Netherton. He leaves wife Dawn and son John.

Community is praised for its floral efforts

COUNCILLOR has sed the community in A COUNCILLOR has praised the community in Amblecote following an impressive display of flowers for its first In Bloom competition entry.

Gardens and shop fronts in Amblecote were trans-

in Amblecote were transformed with baskets, borders and pots for the arrival of the Heart of England

The project was the brain-child of Councillor Christine Perks who formed a Friends of Amblecote team to take the initiative forward. Councillor Perks was

overwhelmed by the backing of the village to get behind their first attempt.

really well. The village was absolutely transformed.

"The participation by

"The participation by shop keepers was great. "Many had huge flower pots outside and vases of flowers in the windows. "We hope to get a good report from the judges but regardless we have set out what we wanted too by what we wanted to do by bringing the community together and making it look very special.

For more information or to get involved with next years project contact Councillor Perks at cllr.christine. perks@dudleymbc.org.uk.

Map of graves now available for churchyard

VISITORS to a churchyard in the Black Country will now find it much easier to locate the graves of ances-tors and war heroes after church leaders secured a de-

church leaders secured a detailed map of the grounds.

The large-scale map has arrived at St Peter's Church in Cradley and contains details of where graves are and guides people along the church's heritage trail.

It has been created by Midland Film and Art after a bid for £10,000 of lottery funding was successful.

It is being stored in the church and is now available for visitors to view.

More than 40 war heroes

More than 40 war heroes

are buried at the church. Visitors regularly attend the churchyard to find out more about their history.

The churchyards contains 12 war graves as well as around 30 more of people who served with the military. There are around 10 more deemed to be of local interest, including former interest, including former headteachers and people who held other prominent positions in the area. Vicar at St Peter's Rev-erend Katryn Leclezio said: "It is a highly detailed map,

featuring the different sec-tions and individual plots and it takes you to the exact location of the grave."

Public urged to have a say on transport plan

to have their say on a transport plan for the West Midlands.

plan for the West Midlands.

The West Midlands Integrated
Transport Authority (ITA) has developed Movement for Growth, which
sets out the region's proposed transport strategy for the next 20 years.

It includes strategic road and rail improvements, a fully integrated train, bus and rail'd transit system and a compresion.

and rapid transit system and a comprehensive cycle network, all of which is underpinned by smart technology including ticketless travel and real time information. Members of the public and business are now being invited to have their say on the plans during a 12 weak public consultation.

plans during a 12-week public consultation

plans during a 12-week point constantion and a series of public meetings. Councillor Roger Lawrence, chair of the ITA, said: "We need a transport system that both builds upon our existing success stories but also helps our economy grow further and exertee or come better place to further and creates an even better place to

live.
"Transport is vitally important to this and Movement for Growth sets out in detail the specific needs of the metropolitan area and how the system can help maximise our economic and social opportunities.

Opportunity

"This long-term plan is for the busi-nesses and people of the West Midlands and

nesses and people of the West Midlands and I would encourage them to take this opportunity to help determine what the region's transport network will look like."

The plan outlines making better use of existing road and rail capacity to boost public transport including improvements to hotstlead in the content of the con to bottleneck junctions, the development of to notitieneck junctions, the development of a new strategic cycle network and improved conditions for walking, all integrated with the latest smart technology. It also highlights ways to fund a long term programme of projects.

Meetings will be on September 9 at Wolkers of the conditions of the con

verhampton Civic Centre; September 15 at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury; September 21, Dudley Council House. All at 6pm.

Cheryl cherishes zoo visit



Animal lover Cheryl Whittlestone, of Pedmore, enjoyed a memorable day learning what it's like to be a keeper at Dudley Zoo

ANIMAL lover from Stour-AN ANNIAL lover from Stour-bridge enjoyed being a keeper for the day at Dudley Zoo, describing it as one of the most magical days of her life.

After feeding penguins, flying a bird of prey and touching a tiger, Cheryl Whittlestone, of Pedmore, praised the keepers for their excellent animal care and knowledge.

"What an incredible day. It was one of the most magical days of my life," she said. "The amount of

knowledge the keepers have about their animals, and their obvious fondness for them, as well as their welfare was paramount in all the information they gave me.

"I was fascinated by the information from the keepers about the conservation projects, the amount of care taken with the animals' nutrition, their enclosures, feeding methods and their breeding pro-grammes. It was an experience that I will treasure always."

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Ruth gives Speaker leaves a on designer lot to think about

Grange E TG

CHAIRMAN Hazel Smith presided over the meet-ing held at Grange Court, Stourbridge on July 7 and gave a very warm welcome to all members and visitors. She also welcomed two visitors from West Midlands Federation chairman Mar-

Federation, chairman Margaret Tew and secretary Hazel Butt.

Hazel Butt.
Secretary Jean Williams reported that the annual quiz held at Stourbridge Football Club was a successful evening with prizes presented to Sedgley (E) guild who were the winners with 83 points and Kingswinford Guild who came second with 72 points. Jean was given a vote of thanks on behalf of members by Federation Chairman Margaret Tew for

Chairman Margaret Tew for organising the event. Chris Holton said that the copper collection and items for the food bank were still going well Marlene O'Hanlon in

formed members about the ongoing collection for the shoe boxes. She will be col-lecting small toys for boys or girls at the meeting in September. Speaker Ruth Lowe gave

speaker Ruth Lowe gave a very interesting talk about Mary Quant. She brought along a selection of items that Mary had designed, not just clothing but items of jewellery and make up. She held everyone's attenof jeweliery and make up.

She held everyone's attention during her talk and the
evening was enjoyed by all.

A vote of thanks was given
by the chairman on behalf of the members.

The next meeting will be held at Grange Court on September 1 when the Harvest supper will be served.

Fiona is named as most inspirational

THE winner of the competition to find the Midland Chase Inspirational Woman 2015 has been announced

nounced.

A panel of five judges made the decision and the announcement was made at the Region AGM at the Chase Golf Club, Cannock.

Eleven clubs each nominated a woman who they felt fulfilled that title and following presenta-

felt fulfilled that title and, following presentations, Fiona Ford was named as the winner.

Fiona was nominated by SI Newcastle. Her own experience with hair loss following chemotherapy inspired her to set up a bespoke service for wig fitting in the Stoke area. She now has a salon called 'Fresh Hair' housed in the Royal Hospital, Stoke-on-Royal Hospital, Stoke-on-

Midland Chase Region President Carol Bailey,

a member of SI Wolver-hampton, presented Fiona with a Royal Brierley crystal inscribed bowl and vouchers worth £150. Fiona said how hum-bled and honoured she felt to have been nominated

to have been nominated, especially when she met the other nominees – and said that she now felt overwhelmed and couldn't

quite believe that she had been chosen for the title. Fiona went on to com-mend Soroptimists for all the work they do to educate, empower and enable women and girls throughout the world.

For more information about SI Midland Chase visit the website www. sigbi.org/midland-chase

THERE were 24 members present at the July meeting of Quarry Bank TG. They were welcomed by Mrs Vera Raybould who was in the chair.

As always the meeting began with the reading and signing of last month's min.

signing of last month's minutes, also the treasurer's re port was given. Mrs Raybould gave information from her re-cent federation visit. The art and crafts exhibi-

The art and crafts exhibi-tion went very well – all in any way concerned were thanked. A proposed art and craft group is to be held in the near future. An inaugural meeting will be held at Norton.

will be held at Norton.
Social secretary Margaret
Writtle gave information regarding a proposed visit to the
National Memorial Arboretum. This hopefully, to be on
September 22, but in order to
go ahead there would need to
be sufficient people interested
to make the visit viable.
Speaker was Ann Welch who

Speaker was Ann Welch who is head of clinic Action Heart, a most knowledgeable lady, who gave much to think about. On August 18, Pat Green will talk about 'Memories of Gran'.

Tea party in aid of Macmillan

NO business took place at the July meeting as this took the form of a summer tea party to raise money for Macmillan nurses.

the committee had organised a delicious tea and 47 members sat down to enjoy it. Quite a few members apologised for non-at-tendance due to holidays, etc, so the total raised will be announced at the next meet-ing. The committee had organised a delicious

prizes.
Proceedings concluded with a closely fought beetle drive.
The next meeting is on September 8 at 7.30pm at St James Church Hall, Wollaston. Speaker will be Ruth Lowe on the life and After the meal there was an extensive business of Mary Quant.





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Lowestone Court has been selected as the name for McCarthy and Stone's develop-ment in Stone Lane following a competition run by the building firm.

The name was proposed by local resident Wendy Cotterill and confirmed by South Staffordshire Council in recognition of Lowes Garage.

The development will feature 38 one and two-bedroom apartments for over 60s. It is expected to be completed later this year with the first residents due to move in at the start of 2016.

Gill Sabin, regional sales and marketing director, said: "It is important that all our developments have a name that is fitting to the local area. We are pleased that the name of our new development reflects the history

Apartments link name to the past name to the past of the site. THE name of new Kinver retirement apartments will give a nod to the past as it recognises the garage which formally occupied the site. Lowestone Court has been selected as the rame of McCarthy and Stone's designed. The name of new Kinver retirement apartments will give a nod to the past as it recognises the garage which formally occupied the site. Lowestone Court has been selected as the rame of the McCarthy and Stone's designed to strike up conversation with the borough's firms and professionals. It is Dudley Council's single point of the past as it recognises the garage which formally occupied to strike up conversation with the borough's firms and professionals. It is Dudley Council's single point of the past as it recognises the garage which formally occupied to strike up conversation with the borough's firms and professionals. It is Dudley Council's single point of the past as it recognises the garage which formally occupied to strike up conversation with the borough's firms and professionals.

dogs seized in the West Mid-

lands has more than doubled.
There were 287 seizures in 2011/12, which rose to 604 between April 2014 and March of

Last year's figure includes 189 animals seized on suspicion of being prohibited breeds under the Dangerous Dogs Act and 268 that were danger-

Dogs Act and 268 that were danger-ously out of control.

An expert from West Midlands Po-lice is now working with the Govern-ment to address the issue.

Pc Keith Evans said: "In most cases

temperament but with its owner: They may be mistreating it, allowing or even encouraging it to behave ag-gressively, or are simply naïve about how to best look after their dog and how it interacts with other animals

and people.

"We appreciate the impact irresponsible dog ownership has on our communities. We have excellent equipment and trained officers to deal with dog-related incidents. All reports of dog-related incidents are taken se-riously and I would encourage anyone to report concerns to us on the 101

psychology, now advises the police on their national policy for dealing with fatal or serious dog attacks. He also works with the RSPCA and the British Horse Society.

He advises dog owners to embed an

He advises dog owners to embed an understanding of everyday objects, people and other dogs into their pets from an early age.

He said: "From the age of about eight to 14 weeks it is extremely important for pups to develop a good association with everyday objects, people and other dogs — it will stay with ple and other dogs — it will sta them for the rest of their lives. it will stay with



Dog expert Pc Keith Evans

It is Dudley Council's single point of contact to respond to business needs and inward investment enquiries for the borough and now this can be done through its LinkedIn page.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet

member for planning and economic development, said: "Dudley borough's existing business base is diverse and impressive and we have major new investment opportunities.

To receive updates from Dudley Business First and start that conversation, follow them on LinkedIn at https://www. linkedin.com/company/dudley-busi-

Sculpture honours canal volunteers



Cradley Heath artist Luke Perry with his steel-made

A SCULPTURE honouring the volunteers who have worked for more than 50 years to preserve the canals of the Black Country will be installed next week.

Cradley Heath artist Luke Perry has created a piece celebrating those who have given up their time to care for Dudley's historic canal tunnel and limestone mines.

He is now putting the finishing touches to the artwork

which has been commissioned by Dudley Canal Trust. It depicts a spade held in a pair of hands, is cast in steel and will go on display in one of the canal caverns under Dudley. Written on the head of the spade are the words: "This

monument is a celebration of the people who have kept this canal alive for over 50 years."

Bosses at the canal trust, off Birmingham New Road, said the efforts of volunteers over the years had turned the site into one of the busiest stretches of canal in the country

with more than 80,000 visitors per year. It will be installed at Hurst Junction. he sculpture will be placed on a plinth with natural light shining on to it from a well opening above.

New brewer alliance to launch at festival

A GROUP of West Midlands breweries are teaming up to

A GROUP of West Midlands breweries are teaming up to stage a beer festival and launch a new alliance.

The event to unveil the Mercian Alliance of Brewers is being held at Green Duck Brewery in Stourbridge from September 4 to 6. Cask and keg beers from the six members will be featured. The group includes Green Duck; Fixed Wheel Brewery, Blackheath; Fownes Brewing Company, Upper Gornal; Twisted Barrel Brewery, Coventry; Two Towers Brewery, Birmingham and Glassjaw, Birmingham. A beer made in collaboration between all the brewers is being created at Twisted Barrel Brewery for the festival. The purpose of the alliance is to promote tnew craft beers being produced by small brewers in the region.

"We'd like to invite other brewers to join us. We'd like to be in a position of having increased buying power as a

to be in a position of having increased buying power as a group," said Tom Fownes, of Fownes Brewing Company.





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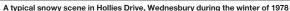




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Sid Turner, with a picture of two girls in the Walsall Fes-tival in 1975, which is being exhibited in Bilston

with Sid's pictures at an exhibition

second-hand camera and a small bag of belongings, Sid Turner left behind his home city of Liverpool in 1974 to start a new life in the Black

Country.

He had signed up to train as a teacher at the old West Midlands College in Walsall – and quickly became fascinated by the area's industrial landscape

ed by the area's industrial introcept and heritage.

Mr Turner went on to teach in a string of local schools, and spent his spare time tak-ing photos of all aspects of Black Country life. Now he has collected the images and is

inte. Now ne has collected the images and is displaying them across the region.

His exhibition, 'Ghosts' at Bilston Craft Gallery, has attracted hundreds of people and has been particularly popular among the older generations who recognised landmarks that have long since been demolished.

The 53-year-old was inspired to display the highlights from his collection of thou-

talk to



Black Country past brought to life

Man and boy – a stunning shot of Walsall Market in the mid 1970s

Market in the mid 1970s
sands of photos after realising how much
the area had changed in recent years. And
though he accepts there have been some
positive developments, he feels the overall
impact of changes in the Black Country has
been negative.

And he was struck by just how nostalgic
people have been when they see his images.
He said: "When we look at old photographs, parents, friends, lovers look back at
us, frozen forever in time. It has been quite

graphs, parents, friends, lovers look back at us, frozen forever in time. It has been quite an emotional experience for a lot of people."

Mr Turner moved to the Black Country when he started dating a woman from Chuckery in Walsall while he was a member of Liverpool Diving Club. And, apart from



Sid Turner as a student in the mid-1970s, when he always had his camera with him

the odd spell abroad, he has stayed in the area ever since and now lives in Wednes-

bury.

Though photography has been one of his Indugn priotography has been one or ins main interests, he has also turned his hand to stone masonry, silver work, ceramic art and even clock-making.

After being made redundant from his job as a stonemason, he turned to teaching.

As he had qualifications in both art will desire an experience of the stone of the st

As he had qualifications in both art and design, and chemistry and physics, Mr Turner ended up teaching science at schools including Darlaston and Willenhall comprehensives and Manor Farm.

But throughout his career he has never stopped taking photos of urban scenes. He

now works as a surveyor for Birmingham City Council and at one point tried to sur-vive as a professional artist. Mr Turner is still taking photos every day in between his day job and a project he is running at Birmingham University looking at how metal can be extracted from scrap computers.

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His ceramic work has been exhibited in galleries in France and Prague, as well as the Wedgwood gallery in Stoke.

In 2002 he lived in China for a year,

m 2002 he hved in Chilla for a year, where a friend had already set up a new life, and started a clock-making business. But within a year he had returned to the Black Country, where he says his heart lies. Mr Turner's love of photography started when, as a five-year-old, he used his father's old Busenia bey comparations as inverse inverse inverse.

when, as a five-year-old, he used his father's old Brownie box camera to capture images of birds in the garden.

He joined Liverpool Photography Society during his teens but always focused on rural landscapes.

He said: "I wish I had taken some more of Liverpool in the 1960s and Beatlemania as they might have been worth a few bob now, but I was trying to do more artistic shots."

but I was trying to do more artistic shots."
When he arrived in the Black Country, though, he noticed how the towns and communities were defined by factories and steel

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Mary Stevens Hospice events manager Charlotte Schofield (left) with founder and director of Got 2 Sing Beth Dunn

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Members of the Got 2 Sing choir in Members of the Got 2 Sing cnoir in Wolverhampton will perform a cata-logue of British hits from the likes of Queen, The Beatles and Elton John to raise money for Stourbridge charity Mary Stevens Hospice.

The gig, on September 20, will be the second time the group has per-formed at the venue after an appear-ance in 2013. The singers have spent hours rehearsing for the event.

Founder and director of Got 2 Sing,

Bet Dunn, said: "If it is anything like our last performance at the Symphony Hall it will be a wonderful concert."

The Wolverhampton choir will be joined by seven other Got 2 Sing choirs - 420 members in total - from across the West Midlands, Shropshire and Hereford.

The charity, Mary Stevens Hospice, The charity, Mary Stevens Hospice, offers specialist care for people living with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses who are unlikely to be cured, as well as support for the patient's families and carers.

Charlotte Schofield, lottery and special events manager for the hospice

said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for the Hospice to partner with such a successful and talented group of local people, raising vital funds to support patient care as well as for their families."

These services are provided free to those who need them throughout the Dudley borough, as well as parts of South Staffordshire, Wyre Forest, Sandwell, Hereford and Worcester.

Tickets for the concert on cost £20 (adults) and £16 (under 16s) and can be purchased from the Symphony Hall at www.thsh.co.uk. Further details can be found at www.got2sing.co.uk

of a sizzling show

The Bodyguard, Birmingham Hippodrome THE summer blockbuster has arrived in Birmingham with The Bodyguard, a show that delivers an unbeatable blend of glamour, romance and high-energy R&B music. Based on Lawrence Kasdan's

screenplay for the hit 1992 mov ie of the same name that starred Whitney Houston and Kevin Cost-ner, it tells of the rollercoaster relationship between a pop star and her minder, with a creepy stalker

her minder, with a creepy stalker lurking in the shadows.

It has a songbook of much-loved chart-toppers from the career of tragic star Whitney Houston.

This show needs a big star to take on the role of the iconic Rachel Marron—and it's got one with plenty of X-Factor in Alexandra Burke. Right from the start with the Queen of the Night number, Miss Burke owns the stage with her interpretation of the feisty diva. She's stunning, sexy and soulful. and as her voice warms up she just gets better and better.

Dance

Not only does she shine in the spot-light with the big ballads but she wows the audience with bootilicious dance routines and emotional dramatic scenes. Surely the fact that she once had a stalker helps her empathise with

Marron's plight.

There is chemistry between her and Stuart Reid as security expert Frank Farmer. Whilst an hilarious karaoke bar scene shows he will definitely not



Sexy and soulful — Alexandra Burke in The Bodyguard Photo by Paul Colta

be duetting, he does have dignity and gravitas as the determined protector. There is a fine supporting cast and production values of the calibre one would expect from a West End hit.

would expect from a West End hit.

Melissa James, as Rachel's overshadowed sister Nicki, is in fine voice
for Saving All My Love and the sisters'
powerful duet Run To You is one of the
highlights of the show.

Dry wit comes from Adam Venus as
Marron's publicist, Mike Denman radiates menace as her crazed fan whilst
Xhanti Mbonzongwana turned the
cute factor to max as Marron's hip-hop
dancing young son Fletcher.

Designers Tim Hatley and Duncan
McLean have created an impressive

McLean have created an impressive set that lends a cinematic feel with its clever way of pulling in and out like a

lens, and using video techniques. Thea Sharrock's directing is pacy. The only minor flaws are that the threat to the central character is not clear in the confused nightclub scene — that ends with the iconic rescue by her body-guard — and not all the audience saw the gunman at the front of the stalls for the climatic finale. And what a finale... Miss Burke's performance of I Will Always Love You

performance of I Will Always Love Fou in a glittering gown atop of a rising platform was pure theatrical magic. It prompted a standing ovation that turned into a dance party as the cast returned for a sing-along I Wanna Dance With Somebody.

The Bodyguard is on at the Hippodrome until September 5 and it's going to be the hottest ticket in town.

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It has boosted its capacity across two sites, in the West Midlands and in Yorkshire.

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aging director, who led the manage-ment buy-out two years ago.

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different alloys. Now is the right time to build on that success and the sig-nificant investment we have made in extending the factory and equipping it with automation and state-of-the-art technology will help us offer an even better product and level of service." He added: "It's not just capital we are spending money on.

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Charity marks move with Mary's award



Home-Start Dudley Chairwoman Mary Turner with her service award and colleagues outside the charity's new base

A CHARITY boss was all smiles after she picked up an award for her long-service working at an organisation that helps families.

Mary Turner has worked at Home-Start Dudley for 20 years and her hard work was recognised at a three-day training event. She was a founding member of the family support charity and continues to work for the organi-sation as chairwoman.

The award comes shortly after the Dudley team moved from their old offices at Dudley Court North to a new base on The Waterfront at Brierley

Dudley.

Home-Start Dudley provides support to families who have children under five across the Dudley borough. The charity also helps families with disabled children, parents who have multiple births and those that may face difficulty with parenting.

Mrs Turner said: "It's been a good 20 years because we're all so commit-ted to providing a good service to all of our referrals. The chief executive of Home-Start UK presented the award

Previously, they shared a building at the end of a three day training event with children's charity Barnardo's and it was a complete surprise, I had but have now moved in with Age UK no idea. and it was a complete surprise, I had no idea.

"He said he was going to embarrass someone and then it turned out to be me."

The 73-year-old added: "It's a won-derful service because we are able to go into the family home and support them with what they feel needs.

"But we're continually looking for volunteers that can help us raise money so we can provide support to all of the people that we need to."

She was presented with a framed certificate and floral bouquet.



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Safari park hatch poison dart frogs

tadpole stage to hatching into frogs at the West Midland Safari Park

at the West Midland Safari Park near Bewdley.

They can now be seen by visitors in the Discovery Trail in the Reptile House at the attraction.

In the wild they have skin toxins which are deadly. But once in captivity and removed from their natural sources of food, their skin no longer contains a significant level of toxicity. This makes them easier to handle, although keepers still have handle, although keepers still have to take care as their skin can irritate human skin.

numan skin.

Bob Lawrence, director of wildlife at the park, said the colour frogs pose no threat to visitors.

"It is the first time that we have managed to breed them and the youngsters are now about a month old. They are only about half an inch long."

long.
"Fortunately they are not thought to be particularly poisonous in captivity but we still handle them with

care.
"They get their poison from their diet and in the wild eat termites."

HE may be small but this tiny Bumblebee Poison Dart Frog could pack a powerful punch.
The youngster is one of seven that have successfully made it from the tadpole action to heather in the case.

He added: "This is a first for the park and shows that the management and husbandry and environment is right."

The frogs are usually found in

ment is right."

The frogs are usually found in South America rainforests, in Venezuela and also in parts of Guyana, Brazil, and Colombia. Their bright colours warn potential predators that they will make for an unpalatable—potentially toxic—meal.

Meanwhile, the safari parks snake expert Mark O'Shea discovered species of snake, not in the wild but in a jar where it had been stored for more than 45 years.

The female Toxicocalamus ernstmayri was caught just before

The female Toxicocalamus ernstmayri was caught just before Christmas 1969 in the Star Mountains of Papua New Guinea, but it was misidentified and sat among dozens of other jars in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University in the United States.

Mr O'Shea, consultant curator at West Midland Safari Park, recognised that it had been mislabelled during a visit to the university and has published a paper about the new species. Mr O'Shea said: "It all goes to prove you can find new species in the wild and also in the world's museums, you just need to know what seums, you just need to know what you are looking at."



A Bumblebee Poison Dart Frog, apparently displaying Wolves colours, with reptile keeper Becky Scott

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Figures show more than 650 crashes involve drink drivers

DRINK-DRIVERS have been involved in more than 650

DRINK-DRIVERS have been involved in more than 650 crashes in the West Midlands over the past five years.

According to figures, West Midlands Police dealt with 671 crashes involving drivers under the influence, with eight proving fatal, 122 resulting in serious injury and 541 causing slight injuries.

A total of 367 of the people injured or killed were the drink-drivers themselves.

There were 111 RTCs involving at least one drink-driven let two which were detained for the 1.5 from the 1.6 cm.

driver last year which was a decrease of 15 from the 126 recorded in 2013. The year 2010 saw the highest number of crashes with 173, while 2011 and 2012 had 134 and 127 respectively.

127 respectively.

West Midlands Police Superintendent Kerry Blakeman said: "While it is encouraging to see the number of crashes involving drink drivers has fallen, any time a person gets behind the wheel while under the influence

"Drink-drivers pose a serious risk to others on the road, not to mention themselves. In a bid to reduce this risk, we carry out a number of intelligence-led policing operations throughout the year where we target sus-pected drink-drivers and take them off our roads, with a ocused effort at Christmas and the start of the summer where we often see seasonal spikes in offending.

"Sadly though, as these figures show, there are still some who think it's OK to drink and drive — our message to them is clear: don't take the risk, it's not worth it and you will be caught."

Inspectors have told care home

to improve told it must improve by a health watchdog after an inspection.

Field House Rest Home, in Thicknall Lane, Clent, was told it requires improvement by the Care Quali-ty Commission. Manager Tania Bradley said she felt

the rating was 'very unfair'.
Field House was rated good in inspection categories for

safety, care and responsiveness, but requires improvement for effectiveness and leadership.

Inspectors said the home

Inspectors said the home requires improvement for effectiveness, highlighting the fact that some residents were prevented from entering a kitchen door and that others did not receive all of their post. There were no records of how these decisions had been made. had been made.

nad been made.

The commission said audits had been completed but the registered manager had not assured themselves or supported the deputy manager to have an effective to the commission of th tive system to make the improvements they had identified'.

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The report continued: "The registered manager and staff were aware of their responsibilities in rela-tion to the Mental Capacity Act. However, they had not always implemented this in

aways implemented this in terms of people's capacity to make decisions."

The report also stated 'people were relaxed and comfortable in their home and said the staff were kind

by David Cosgrove

Miss Bradley said: wasn't very happy with the result, as out of the five catresult, as out of the live car-egories we had three goods and only two requires im-provement. We try our best for our residents and always do things in their best inter-

do things in their best interests.

There's always room for improvement but I didn't feel we deserved that outcome."

According to the report, the home provides a caring environment and all the people they spoke told them they liked living at the home and were happy and that the staff were 'very good'.

"We spent time in the communal lounge and dining areas and saw that staff were caring, respectful and

ing areas and saw that staff were caring, respectful and knowledgeable about the people they cared for," said the inspectors. "We saw that staff knew people well and had a good

people went and had a good understanding of each per-son as an individual. "Staff told us that people were treated as individuals and knew each person well, their families and histories."

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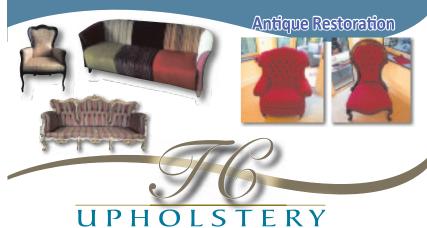
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Punk'd Fri at 7pm, Katie Fitzgerald's, Wollaston, Stourbridge, DY8 3TB. Call 01384 374410

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Irish Music Session Wed at 8pm, Katie Fitzgerald's, Wollaston, Stourbridge, DY8 3TB. Call 01384 374410

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Sandpiper Folk Club Night Wed at 7.45pm, Pigot Arms, 11 High Street, Pattingham, Wolverhampton, WV6 7BQ. Call 01902 700207

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Thu at 8.30pm, £8 The Jam House, Birmingham. B31QU Call 0121 200 3030

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CLASSICAL & OTHER MUSIC

Musical Picnic: Andy Usherwood Sat at 10.30am - noon, Free Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Call 0121 780 3333

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CLUBBING

Killer Wave Sat at 10 30pm Free The Bulls Head, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8HW. Call 0121 256 7777

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Service Fri at 8pm, Free Light House, Wolverhampton, WV1 1HT Call 01902 716055

Vice Is Nice Sat at 4pm - 10pm, Free The Rainbow, Digbeth, Birmingham, B12 0LD. Call 0121 753 1818

<u>THEATRE</u>

Family Fun Festival 2015: Charlie & Matilda's Marvellous Medicine: Out Of The Box Fri at 7pm, £6 - £8 Artrix, Bromsgrove, B61 1PQ. Call 01527 577330

Disney's Beauty And The Beast: The Harlequins Sat at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, 59.25 - 239.25 Palace Theatre, Redditch, B98 8AE

Hamlet Fri at 6.30pm - 9.30pm, £8 - £35 Wightwick Manor and Gardens, Wolverhampton, WV6 8EE. Call 01902 760100

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That'll Be The Day Thu at 7.30pm, £11 - £24 Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, W/1 1DE. Call 01902 573320

The Bodyguard Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 2.30pm, 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Mon at 7.30pm, 7.30pm, Tue at 7.30pm, 7.30pm, Wed at 2pm, 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm, £18 - £49.50 Birmingham Hippodrome, B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

DANCE

Bhangra Folk Stars Saturday, 6pm £13.75 Civic Hall, Wolverhampton WV1 1RQ. Call 0870 320 7000

COMEDY

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£5 - £19.50 The Glee Club, Birmingham, B5 4TD. Call 0871 472 0400

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Love Is Enough Fri at 10.30am - 5pm, Sat at 10am - 5pm, Sun at 10am - 5pm, Mon at 10am - 5pm, Tue at 10am -5pm, Wed at 10am - 5pm, Thu at 10am - 5pm, £3 - £17

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, B3 3DH. Call 0121 303 1966

At Home With Vanley Burke Fri at 11am - 6pm, Sat at 11am -6pm, Sun at 11am - 6pm, Tue at 11am - 6pm, Wed at 11am - 6pm, Thu at 11am - 6pm, Free Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, B1 2HS. Call 0121 248 0708

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Fri at 10am - 5pm. Sat at 10am -Fri at 10am - 5pm, Sat at 10am -5pm, Sun at noon - 4pm, Tue at 10am - 5pm, Wed at 10am - 5pm, Thu at 10am - 5pm, Free The New Art Gallery Walsall, WS2 8LG. Call 01922 654400

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TALKS

Simon Owen: Scaling Down

Reality Wed at 1.30pm, Free Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford, Shifnal, TF11 8UP. Call 01902 376200

FAMILY EVENTS

At The Movies: Workshop Sat at 2pm - 5pm, £2 Wednesbury Museum & Art Gallery, WS10 7DF. Call 0121 556 0683

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Dinosaur Craft Activities Thu at 12am, £0.50 - £1 Wednesbury Museum & Art Gallery, WS10 7DF. Call 0121 556 0683

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Lights, Camera, Action! Summer Holiday Activities Fri at 10am - 5pm, Sat at 10am -5pm, Sun at 10am - 5pm, Mon at 10am - 5pm, Tue at 10am - 5pm, Wed at 10am - 5pm, Thu at 10am - 5pm, £7.25 - £45 The Bleck Country Living The Black Country Living Museum, Dudley, DY1 4SQ. Call 0121 557 9643

Giant Puppet Workshop Wed at 10am - 3pm, Free Wednesbury Museum & Art Gallery, WS10 7DF. Call 0121 556 0683

Car Rallies

Sat at noon, Sun at noon, Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford, Shifnal, TF11 8UP. Call 01902 376200

VIP Record Fair Sat at 10am - 4pm, The Custard Factory, Birmingham, B9 4AA Call 0121 224 7777

Check out full listings in the ticket in Friday's Express & Star

A soldier's cruel bet turns to love



On the razzle in San Francisco, some of the cast of new musical Dogfight, set at the time of the Vietnam War

A NEW musical set in San Francisco is being staged at a theatre above a Birming-

ham city pub.

Dogfight by Benj Pasek, Justin Paul and Peter Duchan, will be presented in the Old Joint Stock Theatre in Temple Road West until Sunday, August 16.

It is being performed by the Old

It is being performed by the Old Joint Stock Musical Theatre Com-

pany, bringing the show to London after it won acclaim in London.

The show – about a group of US Marines before they go to fight in Vietnam – is an adaptation of a 1991 film of the same name. The film explores the relationship between 18-year-old Corporal Eddie Birdlace and awkward, idealistic young waitress Rose, who he first approaches because of a cruel bet with his comrades.

Performances are at 7.30 m with

2pm shows on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are £15 from the box office on 0121 200 0946.

0121 200 0946.

It is not the only new musical heading to the West Midlands. Love Me Tender, with Mica Paris and Shaun Williamson (see below) opens in Birmingham later this month. Then Kneehigh's Dead Dog In A Suitcase (And Other Love Songs), based on The Beggar's Opera, is at Birmingham Rep September 29 to October 3.



Paris Presley connection

SHE'S loving the show. Mica Paris, a soul star whose speed dial has

SHE'S loving the snow. Mica Paris, a soul star whose speed dial has featured Prince, Mary J Blige, Dionne Warwick and Natalie Cole, is thrilled to be starring in Love Me Tender.

The travelling production of the musical inspired by the music of Elvis Presley has been visiting towns and cities across the UK since June, and from August 24 to 29 will be staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre. Alexándra Theatre

Alexandra Theatre
"It's wicked," says Mica, one of the UK's most respected female
singers with a career of Top 10 hit singles and albums worldwide.
"We've been on the road for a bit now and I'm loving the show.
We're laughing every night. For someone who was running in the
opposite direction to the theatre, suddenly I love it."
Ah yes, lest we forget. Mica has a track record in theatre, well,
sort of. Twenty-odd years ago, she starred in two West End Shows;
Mama I Want to Sing and Sweet Lorraine. They were both successful but, strangely, served only to convince Mica that her future lay
anywhere but on stage.
"The last time I did a play was 20 years ago and as much as everybody loved it, I wasn't mentally prepared for it. I was much younger
then, so I couldn't cope."

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Mica has changed her mind. And she's glad she did. But she hasn't turned her back on recording. She's been working on new material.

"I've been in the studio with Don Black," she said. "We've just done some work together. He put the orchestra on it after I'd done my vocals and it just sounds so amazing."

Rock 'n' roll band to play for charity

A ROCK 'n' roll band playing pop hits from the 1950s and 1960s are to perform at a village hall near Hagley.

Bev Pegg and his All Star Rock 'n' Roll Band will be appearing at Blakedown Parish Rooms, Belbroughton Road, for their nostalgic giv on Saturday Rooms, Belbroughton Road, for their nostalgic gig on Saturday. Recent shows in Blakedown and Stourbridge were both sell-outs. Accompanying music scene veteran Bev will be Dutch Lewis

on sax, pedal steel guitarist Maurice Hipkiss, Rod Kelly on key-board, Roy Parry on bass and Ken Wright drums. Profits will be donated to Age Concern. Doors open at 8pm. Tickets are £12, call Ken Cowdry

on (01384) 392590

Reggae veterans to get a dub makeover

WOLVERHAMPTON reggae legends Capital Letters are set to release a counterpart album to their latest record, which was named after their home city.

Earlier this year, the reunited reggae group released comeback 'Wolverhampton' to critical ac-claim. The album's title track, about the city where the group formed back in 1971, has re-

formed back in 1971, has received radio play across Europe. The group are to release a digital download called 'Wolverhampton in Dub' on October 16. The band is led by Junior Brown and Lukas Daley.

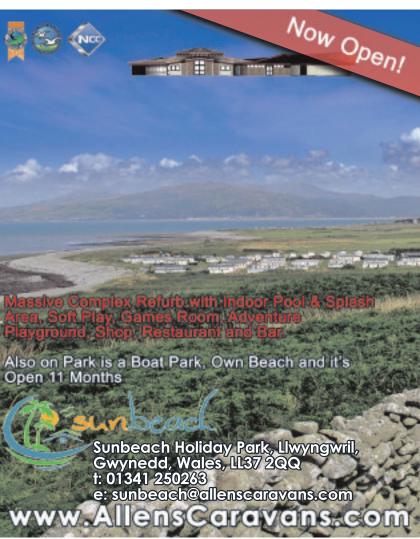
The new release will focus on the work of producer Dave 'Oldwah' Sandford.

TV comedy talent coming to marquee

A COMEDY club in Stourbridge next month has announced a host of TV names will be performing there in future months

Fitz of Laughter Comedy
Club moves to a monthly Friday

night slot from September in a marquee at Katie Fitzgerald's, Enville Street. Headliner at the Enville Street. Headliner at the anniversary gig on September 11 is former Xtra Factor host Matt Richardson. Top of the bill on October 2 is Iain Stirling, from TV's The Dog Ate My Homework. Archie Kelly —Kenny Snr in Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights — appears on November 13. See www.wegottickets.com/comedy event/328539



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When the chips are down, things grill only get better

of Puds was looking dismissively at her plate, as though a seaguil

had pooped right in the centre. "What splat?" "That one there, look." She pointed to a rubbery square on her plate. It looked like a white-chocolate-jelly and added nothing to an otherwise decent

That, that splat. Oh My God, you're not going to put that in the review, are you?"
And she clasped her hand to her mouth, as though to prevent any more words from

falling out.

The Queen Of Puds has been absent from reviewing duties for a year. Bringing babies into the world has denied us of her entertaining presence. But she returned with a vengeance during a dinner a deux at The Granary Grill, in Weston Park.

The Grill is a delightfully located dining room, right in the heart of the Weston Park Estate. Light and airy and offering views over a courtyard and pretty garden, it's a sophisticated steak joint for those willing to travel out of town. Somehow, it's never to travel out of town. Somenow, it's never quite captured the public imagination in the way that similar venues have. The reason for that is hard to discern, but it's not down to poor service. Our starters were decent, if unremarka-

Our starters were decent, if unremarka-ble. I at e a warm, sautéed new potato salad with pancetta lardons, cherry tomatoes and roast garlic, while The Queen of Puds tack-led a deep fried avocado with a blue cheese dressing. The salad was reasonable, though the potatoes lacked any crunch or crispy from their sautee pan. The avocado was fine, without hitting any culinary heights.

Our mains were better. The Queen of Puds ate the fish of the day, a generous sea bass fillet that had been cooked beautifully. It was arguably the stand-out dish.

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I ordered the hickory smoked sticky spiced pork ribs with chips and a garnish. The ribs were great – a treat. The pot of accompanying sauce was delightful. Simultaneously sweet, spicy and hot, it added peppery piquancy to a damn good dish.

But the chips were dreadful. There were five of them. Yes, five. They came in a sad bowl, looking like giants' amputated fingers. One notato, sliced five ways and

a sad bowl, looking like glants amputated fingers. One potato, sliced five ways and dropped in the fryer. That was it.

Middle-aged, slightly-overweight fellas need small portions. But they don't want to be able to count the number of chips on one sorry hand. The chips were down, make

McCain's Gorgeous Chips.

And so would The Queen of Puds. But she

had other things on her mind. Dessert. And she was on record-breaking, Olympic Gold Dessert Medal-Winning form. as we went Dessert Medal-Winning form. as we went for five. Every dish on the menu was con-sumed, namely potted peach with ricotta ice cream and fresh raspberries, a chocoholics plate, apple galette served with decent ice cream and the pick of the bunch. And, finally summer berries.

nally summer berries.

The Granary Grill offers a delightful dining room, great service and an uncomplicated menu. The execution of dishes is okay, but not great. Minor refinements and finessing of dishes would make a big difference. It's the tiniest of tweaks here and there more accurate seasonings bet. and there, more accurate seasonings, better cooking, you know the drill – just don't order the chips.







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The Saturday Night Story (ITV, 8pm)

Part one of two. Celebrating the best-loved and most watched moments from Saturday night TV, including documentaries and interviews with stars of the past and present. The first show looks at how dancing has evolved from being the supporting act to the main draw. with the advent of programmes like Strictly Come Dancing. The spotlight is also on the best pranks played on the public and celebrities in hidden camera phenomenon shows like Beadle's About and Ant & Dec Undercover. Narrated by Stephen Mulhern.

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 10.30 VJ Day 70: The Nation Live. 10.30 VJ Day / 0: The Nation Remembers. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 VJ Day 70: The Nation Remembers. 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Final Score. 5.15 Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.00 BBC News.

6.10 Regional Programme 6.10 Regional Programme.
6.15 Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. (1989) The intrepid archaeologist sets out to find his estranged father, who has gone missing while searching for the Holy Grail. Once reunited, the duo team up to finish the task and locate the sacrde relic before the Nazis get their hands on it. Action adventure sexual directed by. adventure sequel directed by Steven Spielberg, starring Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Alison Doody, River Phoenix, Julian Glover and Denholm Elliott.

The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and Family Reunion. A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the UK studio, who will then individually answer questions. individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts. Includes the all-important

weekend draw.

9.10 Casualty. Dylan creates a scene in Casually. Dylan creates a scene in front of his colleagues when he hits back at staff nurse Lofty, so Connie gives him one day to prove he is fit enough to carry out his medical duties. Tess's son Sam visits the hospital and introduces her to her first grandchild, meaning she has a difficult decision to make. Meanwhile, afte helping Max out with options for the big day. Big Mac is overgived the big day, Big Mac is overjoyed when he is asked to be best man at his wedding to Zoe, and Ethan takes the opportunity to ask Honey out after her unsuccessful date.

100 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Southampton v Everton at St Mary's Stadium and Tottenham Hotspur v Stoke City at White Hart Lane: National Lotter

11.40 Rugby Union. England v France. 12.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.45 BBC News.

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(1943) 9.00 More Creatures Great and Small (R) 9.30 More Creatures Great and Small (R) 10.00 The Women's Football Show 10.30 Great British Menu. (R) 11.00 Great British Menu. (R) 11.30 Alex Pollzzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) 12.30 Omar Sharff: Talking Pictures: 1.00 Film: Funny Girl. (1968) Musical biopic of Fanny Brice, starring Barba Streisand. 3.25 Film: Hidalgo. (2004) Period adventure, starring Digmonters of Sadventure, Starring Vigor Mortensen. 5.30 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Farth (R)

6.30 Gardeners' World. Monty Don seeks help for his box hedges. which are still riddled with blight. and sets about growing mushrooms. Meanwhile, Rachel de Thame visits Highclere Castle in Berkshire. (R)

Berkshire. (R)
7.00 Proms Extra. Katie Derham is joined by Maestro Juanjo Mena to review Nicola Benedetti's performance of the Korngold Concerto, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, and two Pastoral Symphonies.

Symphonies.

Edwardian Farm. The team heads to Dartmoor to explore how shepherds took advantage of the landscape. Alex Langlands and Peter Ginn get to grips with shearing, while Ruth Goodman visits a wool mill. (R)

8.40 Dad's Army. The men of
Walmington-on-Sea's Home
Guard use up all their ammunition
shooting at a passing aircraft, so
Captain Mainwaring has to hold a
court of inquiry. (R)

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9.10 VE Day: Remembering Victory.
May 8, 2015 marked 70 years
sine winston Churchill
announced the Second World War
in Europe was over, prompting
Britain to throw the biggest street
pary the country has ever seen.
David Attenborough, Bruce
Freyth, Mirlam Margolyes and
June Whitfield are just a few of the
welk-known figures sharing their
memories of the end of the
conflict. Narrated by Julie Walters. intentions of the end of the Recording Conflict. Narrated by Julie Walters, with contributions from others including Johnny Ball, Honor Blackman, Jilly Cooper, John Craven and Una Stubbs. (R)

10.40 Film: The White Countess. (2005)
Period romantic drama, with Ralph
Fiennes and Natasha Richardson.

12.45 Dancing Through the Blitz: Blackpool's Big Band Story. (R) 2.15 This Is BBC Two.

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6.15 ITV News; Weather.

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 Oru've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of viewers' videos, featuring a cat terrorising a postman and an accident at the top of the Eiffel Tower, as well as elaborate pranks.

(R)
7.00 Keep It in the Family. Bradley Walsh hosts the game show in which families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds. Six Emmerdale stars face the drop as two families from London and Bolton decide whether to swap a prize, drop it or keep it in the family. Plus an aerial bike act performs, the Nanas are back, and a kids musical theatre group sing from "Annie".

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8.00 The Saturday Night Story. Part one of two. Celebrating best-loved and most watched moments from Saturday night TV, including the evolution of dancing and the hidden camera phenomenon.

9.00 Film: The Bourne Supremacy. (2004) The amnesiac assassin is living quietly in hiding, until his former employers come after him

former employers come after him again and murder his girlfriend. A CIA operation has ended in disaster, and those responsible intend to clear their names by implicating Bourne. As the former secret agent tries to evade the hitmen on his trall, he also struggles to piece together the truth about his past. Action thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon.

1.00 ITV News; Weather.

1.20 The Chase. Bradley Walsh

presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to

take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Ejector Seat. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

11.20 The Chase. Bradley Walsh

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.35 The Grid 7 00 London Triathlon 8 00 6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.15 Scoty. (R) 7.30 Super 4. (R) 7.45 Fish Hooks. 8.00 Young Justice: Invasion. (R) 8.25 ITV News 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.25 ITV News, Weather. 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.25 ITV News, Weather. 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.25 ITV News, Weather. 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.35 Total Hopping Point. (R) 2.35 Celebrity Squares. (R) 3.50 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.15 Catchphrase. (R) 6.00 Regional Programme; Weather. The Grid. 7.00 London Triathlon's 8.00 The Morning Line 9.00 Frasier (R) 9.30 Frasier (R) 9.30 Frasier (R) 9.30 Frasier (R) 9.10 Frasier (R) 9.10 Frasier (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory (R) 11.25 The Simpsons (R) 11.25 The Simpsons (R) 12.25 The Simpsons (R) 12.25 The Simpsons (R) 12.25 Channel 4 Racing Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon. 4.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.45 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.45 Come Dine with Me. (R) Me. (R) 6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.10 Come Dine with Me. It is the final night in Manchester and night in Manchester and glamorous goth Maria is serving her twist on Asian cuisine, which manages to impress daddy's girl saha. (R) i.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Great Canal Journeys. New series. Veteran actors and married couple Timothy West and Prunella Scales celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with four adventures around the canal networks of Britain and France. In networks of Britain and France. In the first edition, the pair head to the West Country to travel along the fully restored Kennet and Avon Canal. Taking in the sights, characters and widdlife from Bath to Devizes, Wiltshire, the duo enjoy an eventual journey along the picturesque 21-mile stretch of water.

Walking Through History. Tony Robinson hilkes up from Tyme Regis in Dorset to the Somerset Levels telling the story of the 1685 Monmouth Rebellion, an attempt to overthrow James II. Last in the series. (R)

9.00 Film: Red. (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt and realises something in his past has made him a target. He sets out to reunite the members of his old hit squad to find out who is trying to kill them and why, but in the process, uncovers dangerous secrets. Action thriller, with Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman

11.10 Film: Repo Men. (2010) A man employed to repossess artificial organs questions his career when he needs a mechanical heart he cannot pay for Sci-fi thriller, with Jude Law and Forest Whitaker.
1.15 The Last Leg. (R) 2.15 Hollyoaks.
(R) 4.20 Double Your House for Half the

Money. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **5.25** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.35 Cowboy Builders. (R) 11.30 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.30 Cowboy Builders. (R) 1.25 Film: North Sea Hijack. (1979) Triller, starring Roger Moore. 3.20 Film: The Dirty Dozen. (1967) Second World War action adventure, with Lee Marvin.

adventure, with Lee Marvin.

6.10 Sinkholes: Buried Alive. The underlying forces behind into sinkholes, which can occur gradually – when the surface subsides into bowl-shaped depressions – or suddenly, when the ground gives away. (R)

7.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next
Door. A man in Cumbria takes
issue with his neighbour's freeroaming menagerie of birds, and a pair of horse-breeders in North Wales clash with the owners of a vurt business (R)

Wales clash with the owners of a yurt business. (R)
7.55 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Sheriff Paul Bohill tackles the case of a small debt owed by exforballer Nell "Razor" Ruddock to a kennel owner, before being forced to evict a school dinner lady in south London. Meanwhile, in the north of England enforcement agent Stewart MacCracken heads out with trainee lain Taylor to confront a Yorkshire builder they need to get payment from at his home, while a reptile shop owner hit by online competitors urgently needs to pay a debt for the feed company he relies on to keep his animals alive. (R)
8.55 Shews Weekend.

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9.00 Football League Tonight, Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the latest games, including Milton Keynes Dons v Preston North End and Queens Park Rangers v Cardiff City in the Championship, as well as all the goals from League One and League flow. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and manage

10.25 Rob Brydon Live. A stand-up show recorded at Norwich's Theatre Royal during the comedian and actor's first UK tour in 2009, featuring comic tales, impressions, songs and anecdotes. (R)

anecdotes. (R)

11.20 The Great British Benefits Hotel. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Transporter:
The Series. 4.00 Police Interceptors
Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. (R) 4.50
Make It Big. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R

DIGITAL

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 7.15 Don't Tell the Bride 8.15 Top Gear 9.15 Film: The Mexican (2001) 11.10 Family Guy 1.30 People Just Do Nothing 2.00 Pramface 3.30 People Just Do Nothing 4.00 Close

BBC Four

BBC Four 7.00 Natural World: Chimps of the Lost Gorge 8.00 Lost Land of the Volcano 9.00 The Young Montalbano 10.50 Top of the Pops 1978: Big Hits 11.50 It's Only Rock in Roll: Rock in Roll at the BBC 12.50 4,000 Year Old Cold Case: The Body in the Bog 1.50 Lost Land of the Volcano 2.50 Delphi: The Bellybutton of the Ancient World 3.50 Close

11.00 Take Me Out 12.10 Film: 11.00 Take Me Out 12.10 Film:
Homeward Bound: The Incredible
Journey (1993) 1.55 You've Been
Framed 13.25 Film: Jack and Jill (2011)
5.20 The X Factor: The Boss Looks Back
6.25 Film: The Amazing Spider-Man
(2012) 9.00 Film: Practical Magic (1998)
11.10 Film: The Matrix Reposed (2003)
1.50 Totally Bonkers Guinness World
Records 2.15 Life's Funniest Moments
2.35 Fileshopping 5.35 TiV2
Mightscreen Nightscreen

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11. 05 Rosemary & Thyme 12.05
Wycliffe 1.10 Agatha Christie's Marple
3.10 Film: All Creatures Great and Small
(1975) 4.55 Film: Columbo: Last Salute
to the Commodore (1976) 7.00 Doc
Martin 8.00 Lewis 10.00 Agatha
Christie's Marple 12.00 Wire in the Blood
1.30 Never the Twain 1.55 TV3
Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

3.40 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 5.15 Film: A View to a Kill (1985) 8.00 World Series of Darts: Perl 11.30 Film: 30 Days of Night (2007) 1.45 I Want That Car 2.35 Movies Now 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

E4
2.00 The Goldbergs 3.30 How I Met Your
Mother 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.30
The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Ferris
Bueller's Day Off (1986) 11.05
Gogglebox 1.05 Rude Tube 2.10 How I
Met Your Mother 2.55 2 Broke Girls 3.45
Rules of Engagement 4.10 Come Dine
with Me: Made in Chelsea Special

Film4
11.00 The Lady Vanishes (1979) 1.00
Congo (1995) 3.10 The Rugrats Movie
(1999) 4.45 Mr Popper's Penguins
(2011) 6.35 Multiplicity (1996) 9.00 The
Five-Year Engagement (2012)



CHOICE



Country Strife: Abz on the

(BBC2, 9.45pm) New series. The former member of 1990s boy band 5ive and his girlfriend, singer songwriter Vicky Fallon, try to lead a selfsufficient life by running a small holding in Wales, despite having no experience in farming. In the first episode, they seek advice from the residents of an eco village, go looking for suitable land and make their first attempt to buy livestock at

6.00 Breakfast. 7.40 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday (R) 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Flog It! (R) 2.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 Animal Odd Couples. (R) 4.00 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 5.00 Songs of Praise, 5.35 Earth's Natural Wonders: Vast Wonders. (R)

6.35 BBC News 6.50 Regional Programme

7.00 Countryfile. Joe Crowley and Anita Rani report from the Country Land and Business Associations Land and Business Associations annual game fair at Harewood House near Leeds. Joe tries his hand at kayak fishing and introduces his dog Oscar to the stars of the show at the event's gun dog competition. Anita talks to female clay pigeon shooters and conservationists trying to protect the endangered rays particle. the endangered grey partridge. Plus, Tom Heap investigates land reform in Scotland and Adam Henson looks at country breeds in Yorkshire.

Yorkshire.

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate more potentially valuable works of art, beginning by helping a man who believes he owns a painting by French post-impressionist Edouard Vuillard. The guest for provenance begins in Geneva, where Philip compares the picture with a huge Vuillard work created in 1919 froight find out whether. in 1919, trying to find out whether the same materials were used in both, while Fiona uncovers clues to the picture's origins in France and Holland. Once they have and Holland. Once they have enough evidence, they seek the approval of the Wildenstein Institute in Paris – but these are the same experts who notoriously rejected a highly credible Monet back in the very first episode. Have

back in the very first episode. Have they done enough to prisition picture is genuine? (R)

9.00 Partners in Crime. Part one of three. Tommy is sent on a secret undercover mission to unmask a Russian spy and discover what has become of a nuclear scientist who has gone missing.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2.

11.30 Film: New Town Killers. (2008) 1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.10

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8.15 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.45 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 10.45 Great British Menu. (R) 11.15 Great British Menu. (R) 11.45 Great British Menu. (R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 Rugby Juinon. (R) 2.00 European Amateur Boxing Championships. 2.50 Equestrian. 4.00 Dancing Through the Biltz: Blackpool's Big Band Story. (R) 5.30 VJ Day 70: The Nation Remembers – Highlights.

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7.00 Burma, My Father and the
Forgotten Army. Griff Rhys Jones
visits Ghana and Burma as he
explores the stories of the Africans
and Asians who fought for the
Allies during the Second World
War. (R)

War. (R)

8.00 Dragons Den. The dragons give their opinions on ideas for an electric tuk tuk and a range of Korean inspired sauces – but the pressure proves too much for one would-be entrepreneur.

9.00 Odyssey. Odelle and Aslam are ressured from an awkward

rescued from an awkward situation by Luc, who apparently has his own reasons for keeping Frank Majors alive. Back in New York, Sophia works with Peter.

9.45 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm.
New series. The former boy band
member and his girlfriend, singersongwriter Vicky Fallon, try to start
their own small holding in Wales,
despite having no experience in
farming.

10.15 Family Guy. Stewie and Brian use their time machine to help Chris pass his history test, but trouble ensues when the trio all get stuck in the past

In the past.

10.35 Family Guy. Peter and his cronies go on a worldwide quest to seek out and confront God about His messing with the outcome of the New England Patriots' football games.

games.

11.00 Family Guy. Chris learns he is the heir his grandfather Carter's fortune, but he refuses to take the money – leaving Peter to resort to desperate measures to keep the wealth in the family.

11.20 Film: Let Me In. (2010) A bullied her befrande a measures to wealth of the factor of a measures to wealth or the factor of the f

boy befriends a mysterious girl, unaware she is a vampire who is behind a recent series of killings. Horror remake, starring Chloe

1.05 Film: We Are What We Are. (2010) 2.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 3.25 Holby City. (R) 4.25 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV- The Aquabats! Super Show!
6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R)
6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Canimats. (R)
7.15 Sooty. (R) 7.30 Super 4. (R) 7.45
Fish Hooks. 8.00 Young Justice
Invasion. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30
Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R)
10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 11.25
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6.30 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.45 ITV News: Weather

6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Nature Nuts with Julian Clary. Julian meets a woman who takes care of thousands of injured hedgehogs and helps her check up on a former patient. He also uses cameras that can see by moonlight to help a woman who streams footage from her garden on the internet to observe an elusive family of badgers, and takes two

tootage from ther garden on the internet to observe an elusive family of badgers, and takes two "otter spotters" to visit a unique sanctuary. Last in the series.

8.00 Midsomer Murders. It's the day of the Little Crosby Folk Festival and organiser Toby Winning is found dead, having drowned in a bowl of eggs and live elst. The murder seems to have been inspired by a ballad made famous by the late, lamented star Johnny Carver. Then it comes to light the victim recently announced plans to move the event to a new location, which were to a new location, which were to a new location, which were the company of the compan

10.10 Weeks, weather.

10.15 Man and Beast with Martin
Clunes. Part one of two. The
comedy actor travels to Nepal,
where he meets a farmer whos
cows not only provide milk, bu
also the fuel for lighting and
cooking in his home. (R)

cooking in his home. (1)

11.1556 Up. Another chance to see the 2012 instalment of the landmark documentary series, featuring an update on a group of participants whose lives have been chronicled since 1964. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.40 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.05 British How I Met Your Mother, (R) 7.06 British GT. (R) 7.30 Everybody, Loves Raymond, (R) 8.00 Everybody, Loves Raymond, (R) 8.30 Frasier, (R) 9.30 Trasier, (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 2015. (R) 1.30 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 2.00 The Simpsons. (R) 2.30 The Simpsons. (R) 3.00 The Simpsons. (R) 3.05 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent, (R) 4.30 Location, Location, (R) 5.36 Place in the Sun: Home or Awa.

5.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 The Real Noah's Ark: Secret History. The story of Irving Finkel an expert on ancient Babylon, and his discovery of a 4,000-year-old tablet that sheds new light on the biblical tale of Noah's Ark. Having spent 20 years translating the artefact, Finkel sets out to show that the narrative originated from tales that had been embedded in Sumerian and Babylonian society Sumerian and Babylonian society and literature for thousands of years. The ancient clay tablet is inscribed with the world's oldest language and gives detailed instructions on how to build an ark. Inspired by his find, Finkel and a team of archaeological boat builders set out to construct a real Naah's ark and discover if this Noah's ark and discover if this coracle-shaped boat can float. (R)

8.00 Experimental. Tim Shaw and Buddy Munro go to the Caucasus Mountains in Georgia, and try riding down the slopes on a shovel. Tim also builds a footballfiring air cannon to recreate an incident where a ball was fired incident where a ball was fired from a coach, and rebounded back to be caught by one of its passengers. The duo watch a video of an unusual firework in a Thai religious festival, and build a giant rocket out of bamboo.

9.00 Film: Zero Dark Thirty. (2012) FIIM: Lefo Dark I Intry, (2012)
Premiere. A CIA operative joins a team of intelligence and military operatives in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks. She spends the next 10 years searching for information on the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden, ultimately leading to the final raid on the terrorist leader's bideaut Kathon. terrorist leader's hideout. Kathryn Bigelow's fact-based drama, starring Jessica Chastain and Mark Strong.

Mark Strong.

12.05 Film: Splice. (2009) 1.50 Come
Dine with Me. (R) 4.05 Double Your
House for Half the Money. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Bananas in Pviamas. (R) 6.20 An b.00 winkshakel: reppa r/g, b.05 Bananas in Pyjamas, (R) 6.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Pip Ahoy! (R) 6.45 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.55 Chole's Closet. (R) 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.30 Paw Patrol. 7.50 Little Princess. (R) 8.00 Wanda and the Allein. (R) 8.15 Zack and Ouack. (R) 8.35 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.50 Lelly Jamm. (R) 9.01 Lazy Town. (R) 9.30 Dora and Friends. (R) 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.35 Football League Tonight. (R) 12.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 2.00 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: (R) 2.00 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked. (2011) Comedy sequel, starring Jason Lee. **3.40 Film:** Willow. (1988) Fantasy adventure, starring Warwick Davis.

Warwick Davis.

6.10 Film: Three Men and a Baby.
(1937) The lives of three flatsharing bachelors are turned
upside down when they discover a
baby left on their doorstep.
Unfortunately, while trying to get
to grips with the necessary
parenting skills, they find
themselves menaced by criminals
searching for missing drups. themselves menaced by criminals searching for missing drugs. Comedy, directed by Leonard Nimoy, starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson, Steve Guttenberg and Nancy Travis. Edited for language and product placement.

Nation Havis Lutter for language and the control of His outlook is immediately transformed, but he soon realises that some invitations should not be accepted and struggles to find a balance in his life. Comedy, loosely based on the autobiographical book by Danny Wallace, starring Jim Carrey, Zooey Deschanel, Bradley Cooper and John Michael Higgins.

11.05 Film: Killers. (2010) Action comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher and Katherine Heigl.

12.55 SuperCasino. 3.10 Under the Dome. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear 8.00 Don't Tell the Bride
9.00 Film: Minority Report (2002) 11.20
Family Guy 12.05 American Dad't 12.30
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Family Guy 12.50 People Just Do
Nothing 1.20 Russell Howard's Good
News 2.20 Great Movie Mistakes V.
Revenge of the Fifth 2.35 Film: Revenge
of the Bridesmaids (2010) 4.00 Close

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony 8.45
Pop Go the Sixties 9.00 Cilla at the BBC
10.00 Sinatra: All or Nothing at All 11.00
Eisteddfod 2015 11.30 Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On 12.30 Sings Elvis 1.30 Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies 2.30 Treasures of the Louvre 4.00 Close

ITV2

11.45 Take Me Out 12.55 The X Factor:
The Boss Looks Back 1.55 Film:
Homeward Bound: The Incredible
Journey (1993) 3.40 Film: The Shaggy
Dog (2006) 5.40 The X Factor: Cheryl's
Classic Cuts 6.45 Film: Miss
Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
(2005) 9.05 Film: Casinn Royale (2006)
11.85 Safeword 12.35 Fake Reaction
12.15 Take New Mord 11.30 Saleword 12.35 Fake Reaction 1.20 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 1.50 Life's Funniest Moments 2.10 Meghan Trainor: The Hot Desk 2.20 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

1130 Agatha Christie's Marple 5.40 Inspector Morse 8.00 The One and Only Inspector Morse 8.00 The One and Only Inspector Morse 8.00 The Mighty Mississippi with Trevor McDonald 10.05 Birds of a Feather 10.35 Northern Lights 11.35 Agatha Christie's Marple 1.25 Blue Murder 2.40 on the Buses 3.05 Movies Now 3.15 ITV3 Nightscreen

11.40 Pawn Stars 1.30 Film: Captain 11.40 Pawn Stars 1.30 Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) 4.10 Film: Spartacus (1960) 8.00 World Series of Darts: Perth 11.30 Film: Child's Play 2 (1990) 1.20 Hell on Wheels 2.05 Hogan's Heroes 2.30 Movies Now 2.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

2.35 How I Met Your Mother 3.30 The Goldbergs 5.00 Film: Inkheart (2008) 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Rude Tube 10.00 Gogglebox 12.05 Tattoo Fixers 1.10 Young, Free & Single 2.15 Gogglebox 3.05 Melissa & Joey

Film4
11.00 Chalet Girl (2011) 1.00 Home
Alone 3 (1997) 3.05 Ponyo (2008) 5.15
California Man (1992) 7.00 Evolution
(2001) 9.00 Knight and Day (2010)
11.10 Underworld: Awakening (2012)
12.50 Floating Clouds (1955) 3.25 Close

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FILM CHOICES

and Marc Menard. (2010)

Seduced by Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm A woman hopes to make a fresh start with a new relationship in defiance of her father's wishes, and turns her back on old friends when they are suspicious of her boyfriend. However, she gradually comes to realise that he has a shady past and is not as perfect as he appears. Thriller, starring Josie Davis

TUESDAY

A Time to Remember, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A middle-aged single mother returns under a cloud to the family home for Thanksgiving, where she tries to heal the fractured relationship between herself and her estranged mother. However, any possible reconciliation is threatened by an unexpected and dramatic development. Drama, starring Dana Delany, Doris Roberts and Louise Fletcher. (2003)

WEDNESDAY

Transsiberian, BBC1, 11.35pm

American couple Roy and Jessie are heading from China to Moscow on the Transsiberian railway when they befriend fellow travellers Carlos and Abby station stop, Jessie begins to suspect her new travelling companions are harbouring a deadly secret.
Thriller, starring Woody Harrelson. (2008)



Dream of Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A psychiatrist investigates the murder of a patient, but as the case progresses she is forced to face her own inner demons. Mystery, starring Jolene Blalock and Martin Cummins. (2006)

Beowulf, ITV, 10.40pm

The realm of Danish King Hrothgar is terrorised by a fearsome monster. A renowned warrior arrives to slay the beast, but an encounter with its seductive mother gives rise to a terrible bargain with tragic consequences. Animated fantasy based on the English language's oldest surviving epic poem, using motion-capture technology to recreate real actors, including Ray Winstone and Robin Wright. (2007)

Famous faces take a trip down memory lane

nock on Tommy – here's a chance to relive some of the best moments Saturday night TV has delivered over the decades.

It has delivered over the decades. Actually, let's qualify that – some of the best moments to feature in ITV's shows, because this is really just a low-budget way to fill up the schedules while the broadcaster gives itself a good, old-fashioned, pat on the back.

Last December, Michael Grade hosted a rather more serious and indepth programme entitled The Fight for Saturday Night TV over on BBC Four. He was the ideal man to take charge, basically because he'd been in the thick of it himself, doing battle for both the Beeb and ITV at different times in his career.

The documentary examined how and why Saturday's evening schedule had become such a battleground over the years, and that it was a war for ratings that was still raging, with the heavyweights – Strictly Come Dancing and The X Factor – currently packing the biggest punches.

Over the years, ITV has probably fared the best out of the two stations;

perhaps glitz, glamour and flashing lights sit more easily on the third channel than they do on the BBC, a place that no matter how hard it tries, can't shake of its mantel as a venerable institution. We're not sure we'd want it to, either.

So while Strictly may have bucked So while Strictly may have bucked the trend by pummelling Simon Cowell's all-singing juggernaut into submission during the past few year overall, ITV has featured more light entertainment classics than it can chalce a stick at shake a stick at.

And there's one woman who will And there's other working with own certainly feature highly in this short series. It may have been produced before Cilla Black's sudden death a fortnight ago, but as she had been a stalwart of Saturday nights on ITV thanks to Blind Date, you can bet she'll pop up before too long.

But there are plenty more celebrities and their programmes featured here.

'Rock on Tommy' - the words that open this article – is, of course, the once-famous catchphrase of Bobby Ball, and were always spoken to his comedy partner Tommy Cannon, usually accompanied by a pull on his brightly coloured braces.

They were popular with everyone from the age of five to 95, and had a long-running show that lasted from 1979 to 1988. It turned them from being popular on the comedy circuit into major stars and household names.

They're among the famous faces They re among me tamous races offering their opinions on Saturday night telly here, alongside the likes of Ant and Dec, Jonathan Ross, Vernon Kay, Bruce Forsyth, Dermot O'Leary, Amanda Holden, Petula Clark, Alesha Dixon and Marty Wilde.

Cannon and Ball aren't the only celebrities to become well-known thanks to weekend TV, as Gladiators' bad boy Wolf will tell you.

He and glamourpuss Jet are reunited by Ulrika Jonsson in Birmingham to talk about the programme's popularity, while Henry Kelly and Matthew Kelly relive the excitement they had while making Game For a Laugh.

Expect more fun and games from next week's concluding episode.



Ant & Dec feature, The Saturday Night Story, Saturday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

The Scandalous Lady W BBC2, 9pm

Her roles in Game of Thrones and The Tudors mean she's no stranger to tales of sex, power and intrigue, so who better to take the lead in this one-off period drama than Natalie Dormer? It tells the remarkable true story of Seymour, Lady Worsley, who created an 18th-century scandal when she left her husband Sir Richard Worslev (Endeavour's Shaun Evans) for his best friend George Bisset (Aneurin Barnard, who was recently seen in Cilla). Her spouse was so outraged by this turn of events that he sought compensation from her lover for defiling his 'possession'. However, Lady Worsley was about to create another scandal as she exposed the secrets of her marriage, in the process challenging ideas about a woman's worth.

Revenge Porn

Channel 4, 10pm

Anna Richardson goes to extraordinary lengths to investigate what happens when someone maliciously shares intimate photos of another person without their consent. Anna meets the victims of such actions, talks to experts and confronts the perpetrators of these crimes, the effects of which can have devastating and lifechanging consequences. As she digs deeper, she discovers a community of men who take pleasure from threatening and shaming women online and decides to place herself at the epicentre of the

TUESDAY School Swap - The Class Divide ITV, 9pm

Part one of two. Cameras follow a private head, his state school counterpart and six of their pupils as they spend a week in each other's worlds. Does going private really give parents and pupils a first-class advantage, and does a state education really mean second-rate? This documentary attempts to unpick the educational gulf dividing Britain's school system. In the first episode, headmaster Mark Mortimer and his trio of pupils from the 400-pupil private boarding establishment Warminster School visit the 700-pupil state secondary Bemrose School in Derby, run by Jo Ward.

WEDNESDAY Return of the Giant Killers: Africa's Lion Kings BBC2, 9pm Lions have been in the news

and ask for Christine

lately after the death of Cecil, a big cat who had been a leading attraction at a national park in Zimbabwe until he was killed by hunters. However in this documentary, which catches up with the pride featured in Africa's Giant Killers: Natural

World, the lions are definitely the hunters rather

than the prey. They do face threats though, as the start of the rainy season sees a power struggle amongst the males and a challenge from a rival pride, while an inexperienced mum puts her cub in danger, and a lightning strike leads to fires burning day and night. It seems the cats have only one option if they are to avoid starvation - they have to take down an elephant.

Building the Ancient City BBC2, 8pm

The first of two documentaries in which Andrew Wallace-Hadrill looks at the building of the ancient cities of Rome and Athens. He The Scandalous Lady W, Monday, BBC2, 9pm

Athens gave birth to the idea of a city run by free citizens, with every aspect of daily life - from defence to waste disposal - controlled not by a king, but by the people. This led to a system of open government, and the first constitution laying down the rights of citizens - almost 2,000 years before Britain's Magna Carta.

begins with in Greece, where 2,500 years ago

FRIDAY

Katie Price: In Therapy Channel 5, 9pm

The TV personality and glamour model undergoes an intense month of psychological evaluations conducted by Dr Claudia Bernet, a leading expert in women's mental health. Interweaving her life story with scientific assessments and the views of those who know Katie best, this documentary aims to help her discover what toll 20 years in the public eye has taken on her emotional wellbeing and make sense of her turbulent career and personal life.

The Best of Bad TV Channel 5, 10pm

The series charting TV gaffes continues with a look at 2000s, a decade which brought the rise of the reality star and dubious game show formats. Last in







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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off. N LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: D M N U R F W E I B P O Z

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- 6. An adornment so often misplaced (7) 7. Short presentation
- at court? (5) 3. Outstanding man-9. Hostile observer (3)
- 10. Powered flight? (9)
- 12. Coolly having something to fall back on (4,7)
- 15. Suffering under corrupt government? (2,1,3,5)
- 17. Important descrip tion of a plateau
- 19. Start in the stable (3)
- 21. Rascal found in church, we hear (5)
 - don't last long (7)

- 1. Shape altered a great deal (5)
- 2. Took down a note
- ager (4)
- 4. Pretty useless objects? (9)
- 5. Determine to find another answer (7) 8. Undiscovered talent
- developed (6) 11. Be a bad actor? (9)
- 13. Was shifty and naturally guarded 14. Points to portents
- fluttering in the breeze? (7) 16. Not light, but it may
- go on one (5) 18. First mate right as
- 22. Inferior articles that 20. Get into the habit of an academic (3)

Quick Clues

Across

- 6. Travel (7)
- 7. Static (5) 9. Behave (3)
- 12. Almost (11)
- **15.** Stupidly (11)
- 17. Robustness (9)
- 19. Chop (3)
- 21. Hurl (5) 22. Loss (7)

- 1. Compel (5)
- 2 Curve (3)
- 3. Yield (4)
- 4. At first (9) 5. Bother (7)
- 8. Neglectful (6)
- 11. Chairman (9)
- 13. Group of emigrants (6)
- 14. Sudden collapse (7) 16. Send (5)
- 18. Discard (4)
- 20. Mine (3)

every column

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every row and each of the 3x3 all the digits

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Flash in the pan; 8 Base-ball; 9 Tank; 10 Filter; 12 Indian; 14 Agents; 16 Novice; 18 Carp; 20 Swallows; 22 Beside the mark. Down: Cleaning; 2 Assent; 3 Lima; 4 Stallion; 5 Rental; 6 Main; 11 Resisted; 13 Nice work; 15 Naphin; 17 Volume; 19 Abet; 21 Ache. work; 15 Naphin; 17 Volume; 19 Abet; 21 Ache. ork; 16 Parent; 12 Ignore; 14 Leader; 16 Grimly; 18 Clap; 20 Strength; 22 Accommodation. Down: 1 Militigate; 2 Thrive; 3 Unit; 4 Guarding; 5 Catron; 6 Gib; 11 Tiresome; 13 Relation; 15 Deploy; 17 Ignite; 19 Lack; 21 Rude.

Quiz

What was the nickname of Baron von Richthofen?

- With which city do you associate the Raffles hotel?
- Which monarch is found on a Penny Black stamp? Who was the Indian boy in Kipling's
- Jungle Books? Who wrote The Ginger Man?
- What is the U.S. equivalent of the British postcode?
- In what U.S. state is Yale University?
- 9. In what year was the Jarrow hunger
- 10. Which country is the 'Land of the Midnight Sun'?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Northern Territory: 2 The Boston

Strangler; 3 Cheeses; 4 Desdemona; 5 A.A.

Milne: 6 Venus: 7 Florence: 8 High speed

train; 9 Elba; 10 Sweden

Niner: BLOCKHEAD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

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Luxury and economy mixed well

By Ian Donaldson

Goodness knows how long it might take to decide which tempting extras to add to your new Range Rover. Several pleasant hours, at least.

That's a joy to come after you've plumped for the basic vehicle itself, of course. And here you're also faced with an almost bewildering set of choices.

The Range Rover you read about here mixes luxury and

The Range Rover you read about here mixes luxury and economy in a way that might let an owner feel good about (modestly) saving the planet while the rear seat passengers feel as though they're flying first class.

For under the bonnet beats a diesel engine, while beneath the floor sits a well protected battery that will actually power this big, heavy car a little way all on its own and helps out generally when it can elsewhere.

This economy thinking might be more usual in cars costing a very great deal less than a hybrid Range Rover but it does let it post some impressively 'green' figures for something so chunky, even if they're tinged with the optimism of all official consumption tables.

The added luxury (on an already pretty swish car, of course) comes from stretching front and rear wheels 20cms further apart, all to the benefit of rear seat legroom – now accessed via rear doors so wide they'll present a danger to passing traffic if not opened cautiously.

Apart from making you feel like as film star stepping on to the red carpet at Cannes, they give so much lounging room you might never want to get out. Recline the seatback and you'll probably be snoozing before the car slips into

That stretch puts £7,700 on the price of the Range Rover and added to the hybrid option, pushes the car well over £100,000. That is still a good deal less expensive than, say, a Bentley saloon which feels no more luxurious and wouldn't take you to dinner via the nearest goat track, should you so desire.

In the context of figures like this it seems daft to consider the financial benefits of saving a little fuel and personal taxation by taking the hybrid option, which adds thousands to the bottom line and must surely make it a dearer proposition than going for a cheaper purely diesel model.

But that is not to think like a potential owner. At this level

But that is not to think like a potential owner. At this level an owner can spend what is needed to produce a warm glow every time the engine starts – and if that includes feing good about reduced emissions, so much the better.

The new Range Rover might be built entirely of aluminium

The new Range Rover might be built entirely of aluminium but it's a weighty beast in long wheelbase, battery added form. It tips the scales at more than 2,500 kilos, or comfortably more than two Fiestas.

The 33mpg recorded on a short and undemanding test drive won't set any records but looks respectable with all that metal to pull around.

Progress is serene with the diesel engine helping, or not. Indeed, it is so refined that the short sections on battery only felt no different; a tribute to the way the Range Rover engineers have integrated the two power systems.

But you won't be bothering with the practical details after a glance at the Range Rover on-line brochure (set aside an hour or two on Sunday morning), where you will be seduced into spending still more.

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Celebrating 50 years

entry into the UK car market, its arrival marked by a small four-car stand at that year's motor show. Today, Toyota has not only sold almost three million vehicles in Britain, it builds them here, too.

Although a great deal has changed, there remains a constant theme in Toyota's business that is as true today as it was 50 years ago, as Paul Van der Burgh, Toyota (GB) President and Managing Director, explained: "Toyota entered the UK market with the aim of providing better cars and better service even if those weren't the words used back them. But ever since, Toyota has stood out for giving the customer something better – better equipment, better reliability and better service.

Pride and Clark was the original UK importer and distributor, a South London family firm that launched its enterprise af-John Pride travelled to the Far East to see the developing Japanese car industry for himself. His faith in Toyota was shared by a handful of car retailers who set up the first Toyota showrooms, at first with just a single model line - Corona - to offer their

Business prospered as the range of vehicles grew, not least with introduction of the first Corolla in 1966. The name Toyota (GB) Ltd was adopted in 1967 and by 1980 200,000 cars had been sold, securing its position as a leading player in Britain's car market. Nine years later Toyota announced the UK as the location for a European man-ufacturing centre. Toyota Manufacturing UK's Burnaston car plant in Derbyshire and Deeside engine factory in North Wales



came on stream in 1992 and have benefited from more than £2 billion investment in technology, skills and jobs. They continue to provide valuable opportunities for more than 200 supplier businesses.

TMUK also has the distinction of being

the Toyota's first hybrid vehicle manufactur-ing centre in Europe, building Auris Hybrid models since 2010.

models since 2010.

Tony Walker, TMUK deputy managing director, said: "All the work we have done so far has created a solid foundation for the future. The next exciting step for TMUK is to develop our skills ready for the adoption of TNGA – Toyota New Global Architecture. It's not just about new products, it's a new approach to making them. We have plenty

of work ahead of us to be ready to adopt the new way of working by the end of the decade, but I strongly believe that, as the last 25 years have shown, we will be ready.

In its 50th year in the UK, Toyota has already launched new Avensis and Auris

models – all built at Burnaston.

Later this year it will also begin marketing the first of its Mirai hydrogen fuel cell vehicles here, opening a new chapter in zero emissions driving with technology the drivers of those first Corona saloons could never have imagined.

While Toyota's focus is on the future and the development of ever-better cars, it honours the achievements of some its influential models of the past in a heritage fleet, maintained by Toyota (GB). The classic line-up includes an original Corona saloon, the famous Corolla AE86 that helped inspire today's GT86 coupe, a first-generation RAV4 and one of the earliest British-built models, a 1992-vintage Carina E.

Toyota is a big player in British car manufacturing. All the Avensis models and all the Auris hatchbacks and wagons are made at the Burnaston plant in Derbyshire. A detailed search for the oldest UK-regis

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Heathens title hopes are still very much alive

CRADLEY skipper Max Clegg insists the club's title hopes are still alive after their stunning win over runaway leaders Birmingham.

The Heathens are now entering

a run of away meetings, starting at Stoke on Saturday, as they aim to close the gap on their Perry Barr track sharers and turn up the pressure.

Said Clegg: "I'm just so pleased we were able to get the win to keep our chances of the title alive, because if we'd have lost we know that would have been it.

"It's still going to be very difficult, and we can't really afford any slip-ups, but if we can approach every meeting like that Birmingham meeting then we should keep a run of away meetings, starting at

every meeting like that birming-ham meeting then we should keep on winning. "We've got our hardest meeting out of the way and won it, so we are definitely capable of winning

are dennitely capable of winning our remaining meetings.

"We've got three away meetings coming up which won't be easy, but I think if we are at our best we can win them all which would move us right up there with Birwinghem."

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"All we can do now is focus on our own meetings, and if we can keep winning over the rest of the season that's bound to put some pressure on Birmingham.

"We have to keep believing we can go all the way.We've been aiming from the start of the year to defend our title."

Heathens are without the injured Nathan Greaves on Saturday along with Matt Williamson who is on Premier League duty for Workington.

Workington.

Their next home meeting at Perry Barr is on Wednesday Au-gust 26 against King's Lynn.

Beacon footie league looking a lot healthier

A TOTAL of 22 teams will contest the honours in the 2015/16 Beacon Sunday Football League. Having finished the last campaign with only five teams in the premier section, following withdrawals, the league has attracted several new clubs.

As a result the Premier section is back to 10 teams, while the remaining 12 will contest the league action in Division One. The new league campaign kicks off on Sunday, September 6. Once again the member

tember 6. Once again the member teams will also compete in two sepa-rate league cup competitions. In the Premier there will be two groups of five teams playing each other, with the top two in each section going through to the semi-fi-

In the Division One League Cup there will be four groups of three.

Dream goal shows that Ben is back



return from injury after grabbing the only goal as Stourbridge over-came Lye in a Black Country der-

The midfielder, who has been rife indicater, who has been sidelined for the past 10 months with a freak ankle injury, came off the bench to devastating affect in the pre-season friendly.

Billingham entered the fray as a second half substitute and four minutes later picked up the ball on

two defenders before curling an unstoppable strike into the top corner from 25-yards.

The 26-year-old, a former Lye player, was making his first appearance in Stourbridge colours since picking up his ankle injury.

He played in the friendly despite recently securing a loan move to Cradley Town.

"Some people have said to me it was a goal that was meant to be," the self-employed construction

10 months. The injury stopped me from playing football and working for a spell and it's been a long old road to get back.

"But I'm a former Lye player and to come on and score that goal – one of the best I have ever scored – was the perfect return.

"It's what everyone dreams about playing football and scoring against their old team. It's great to be back."

Ben Billingham, right, celebrates with Ryan Rowe the edge of the box. A desperate push to avoid the drop

Stourbridge winning draw
STOURBRIDGE 1st XI's mission to hang on to every point to avoid rele-

gation was on course once again.
The 15 points against Shifnal 1st XI will not only boost flagging confidence but help Stour distance themselves from Eastor at the bottom of Division Two of the Birming-

the bottom of Division Two of the Birmingham and District Premier league.

Eastnor banked five points against Bridgnorth and Brewood seven against Halesowen which means Stour remain in the danger zone. Skipper Matt Bradley had something to celebrate seeing his side post a rare double hundred. He had to put up, however with Stour under pressure 20-3 off 8 overs.

Recovery came from the innings of James Winders (26) off 52 balls and Audy Alexander (56) off 112 balls the pair putting on valuable 73 runs. 73 runs.

The unfortunate Winders was judged LBW off Charlie Homes from a delivery clearly hitting his thigh pad having battled for hour and half.

Boundary

Alexander was caught on the off side boundary off Homes trying to up the run rate but helped his side to 127 after Homes had taken two Stour

his side to 127 after Homes had taken two Stour wickets.

The second rescue which would have pleased Stour skipper even more came from his brother Richard blasting 61 no off 72 balls in 83 minutes. Richard in command with the tail slammed 3 huge sixes taking Stour to a defendable otal.

Homes ended up with 5 wickets for 68 off 17

overs.

Stour's awful season so far was all put behind them as Jitesh Jivan Patel had Shifnal skipper, Tom Collins caught behind off the fourth delivery of the Shifnal innings for a duck.

Shifnal fought back through Muhammed Ayub and Charlie Home putting on 60 runs for the second wicket.

ond wicket.
Leg spinner Alexander accounting for Homes caught for 19 in the 17th over.
But the threat to Stour's hopes persisted despite capturing two more wickets cheaply as long as Ayub continued to dominate. He was eventually out, caught. Bryn Simmons played cautiously at No.6 for 33.

Lukas is a world champ at eight



Martial artist Lukas Letts shows off one of his world championship medals

crowned a world champion.

The eight-year-old from Cradley stormed to a gold medal in the kata event of the Go-Kan-Ryu

asthma but that doesn't stop him

world championships in Liverpool.
He also brought home bronze in
the kumite (sparring) event.
Lukas suffers from chronic

MARTIAL artist Lukas Letts has training at three different clubs added a new honour to his already vast collection when he was Cooper, insists it helps him to deal

with the condition.

She said: "We're totally over the moon that he won his medals and we can't believe it.

"We have all said if he didn't do his karate his asthma would be a

lot worse The talented martial artist is also twice UK champion and re-

gional champion. Lukas won the medals in the third kyu and above combined category for eight to nine year olds, in the GKR Tournament where more than 1,500 competed.

The youngster is a second grade brown belt. Lukas trains in the karate style of Bukan-Ryu and at-tends the club's Colin Lane Community Centre in Cradley, Old Hill Church and Fitness First, Lye

Even more to come after first victory, says boss

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett feels there is more to come from his side after their opening-day victory at Blackburn. Jackett's team produced a gritty performance to take all three

performance to take all three points at Ewood Park, although Wolves were far from their best at

wolves were far from their best at times.

And the head coach said there were areas of improvement to be made in the coming weeks.

Wolves face a tough schedule

Wolves face a tough schedule with up to six more games in August alone, should they make it through to the second round of the Capital One Cup.
Jackett said: "To come away to Blackburn and get three points is great but we also feel there is more to come.
"We had some very good spells of possession and a threat up front.
"But there were other times when balls into their front man we didn't follow in and they were

we didn't follow in and they were turning and shooting too easily with the shooting power they have

with the shooting power they have got.

"We were disappointed with that and could have done better with those situations defensively.

"We could have done more with possession at times and so we made it hard for ourselves but that is under-selling Blackburn who are a good side with some very good players."

players."
One statistic doing the rounds One statistic doing the rounds on Twitter after the game was that Wolves played more passes against Blackburn than any other Champi-onship team on the opening week-end. And Jackett said that was the

way forward for his team.

"We want to base our game on the good spells of possession," he

Swimmers competing in new contest

FIVE swimmers from Halesowen Swimming Club competed in the ASA National Summer Championships at Ponds Forge International Pool Sheffield.

New for 2015, this competition was for top-ranked English swim-mers who did not qualify in the earlier British Championships in a

particular event.
With swimmers consistently outperforming their personal best times, Josh Bradley made the Open 50m butterfly and backstroke finals.

Jack Simpson in the 14-year-olds 100m freestyle and Kate Morrice the 12/13years 50m freestyle finals.

But the best placed finish of the week was by James Cuthbert who won the silver medal in the 14-year-olds 100m butterfly final.



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Team Dudley enjoy shut out for derby

Team Dudley 4 Wrens Nest 0
TEAM Dudley gave a fine performance
to take a 4-0 home derby victory over
Wrens Nest in West Midlands Division

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They struck early when Lee Clark's

They STRICK early when Lee Chalks
fifth-minute corner was headed in off the
bar by Jordan Langford-Hill
Nest responded with a header from a
corner of their own, but Lee Salt's effort
found the hands of keeper Liam Jones.

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Dudley's Ryan Spittle hit a volley over the bar before firing a shot across keeper Aaron Morris only to see it thump against the post.

But on the half-hour-mark, the home

team scored when a long throw by Na-than Jones was met by the head of James Hawthorne.

An own goal from Sean Wyne and a fine team move completed by Reece Bancroft's composed lob rounded off the

Just before the half hour Spittle had Just before the half hour Spittle had another chance, chasing down defender Sean Wyne he won the ball and surged to goal, a shot across Morris was perfect but whacked the post and found another Orange shirt to aid the clearance.

Just a minute later, on the half hour, TD would have their lead doubled, a long throw from Nathan Jones would create havoc in the box and a header from cap-tain James Hawthorne would be enough

tain James Hawthorne would be enough to give Dudley a double advantage in their local derby.

The second half began with Team Dudley on the ropes a little, just two minutes in and Liam Jones misjudged a bigb bol high bal.

A third goal did arrive though, 64 minutes into it. The ball hit Sean Wyne and went past Morris.

Nightmare run in touring contest for **Honda team mates**

STOURBRIDGE driver Matt Neal and STOURBRIDGE driver Matt Neal and his Honda Yuasa team suffered a night-mare British Touring Car Championship round at Snetterton.
Neal dropped from third to fourth in the overall standings and team-mate

the overall standings and team-mate Gordon Shedden, the previous championship leader, is now third.

Neal took a top-six placing in the opening race, but both he and Shedden had to retire from the second one with damage.

Another retirement for Shedden in race three completed a chastening day for the Honda outfit.

MG Triple Eight's Jack Goff earned his first ever BTCC victory after producing a dominant performance in the final encounter. encounter.

encounter.

Racing on the soft tyre, Goff fended off
Jason Plato's VW to take the win.

Plato now tops the overall standings
from team-mate Colin Turkington, with
the Honda pair just behind them.

Fifth place was held by Adam Morgan's WIX Racing Mercedes in the opening moments, but double receiving.

ing moments but double race-winner Colin Turkington was soon ahead on lap

Driver Sykes finds a bridge too near



Richard Sykes crashes out. Picture courtesy of 90Right.com

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes had a disappointing end to his Tyneside Stages rally when hisCitroen DS3 crashed into a bridge, set on fire and forced him to retire.

The rally, round four of the BTRDA Rally Challenge, used the tarmac roads of the Otterburn army ranges in Northumberland and, despite a lack of experience of using his new car on asphalt, Sykes had high hopes of a good result to follow up his second in class on the recent Nicky Grist Stages event.

The rally crews were greeted with torrential rain as the event started which made the roads

Motor racing

treacherous with a lot of standing water. Despite treacherous with a lot of standing water. Despite the conditions Sykes made a great start, catching one car and almost catching a second on the first eight-mile stage as he set the quickest time of the front wheel drive competitors as well as lying a fantastic 15th overall.

Disaster was to strike on the second test though. Sykes set the car up for the bend but as soon as he touched the accelerator and the wheels touched the timber the car slid into the side of the bridge and flames coming from the bonnet.

Hillman hits his hat-trick for shock win

Dudley Sports 3

A Stuart Hillman hat-trick earned Dud-ley Sports a shock 3-2 West Midlands League Premier Division when they grabbed an opening-day win at Wolver hampton Casuals

The scoring was opened when Hillman struck in the second minute after he had robbed the ball from Casuals' Ian Boswell and fired the ball beyond the reach of the outstretched Liam Stanton

Sports' Aaron Gordon was the first player to be shown a yellow card in the match for kicking the ball away after the referee had blown his whistle for a free-kick.

Casuals managed to dominate the play and deservedly brought the score level when Jon Huckfield headed home a Joe Davies corner.
But Sports regained the lead just be-

fore half-time when and again it was Hillman who rifled a fierce shot past Stanton from wide on the left to go into the break on top.

However, Casuals were soon back on level terms with just two minutes of play gone in the second half.

This time is was Jack Corns who was the man on target with his looping 35-yard shot leaving Sports keeper Aaron Collins very little chance of keeping the ball out of the net.

Casuals' Jay Holdcroft had his effort on goal ruled out for a foul before Hillman headed home an 80th-minute win ner and sealed his hat-trick to give TD

STOUR EDGE DUT SCHOLA

Chasetown 1 Stourbridge 2

STOURBRIDGE edged out Chasetown 2-1in their final pre-season friendly.

The home side had the better of the first period and the Scholars won a penalty after Leon Broadhurst brought down Lewis Rankin in full flight.

After two pre-season penalty misses by Paul Sullivan, Lee Butler took the spot-kick, but his effort was saved by Charlie Price saved to his right.

In the 27th minute, Chasetown were convinced they had taken the lead only for the referee to deem that Broadhurst had cleared the ball off the

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NPL Division I South Chasetown.

Gary Hackett gave a start to Karl Hawley, a striker released by National League Alfreton Town at the end of last season, whilst there was a place on the bench for 16-year old Youth Team defender Jacob Wedderburn.

Hawley had gone close with a fizzing shot that cleared the crossbar early on.

Also he was unable to direct his header on tar-

It was Chasetown who should have opened the scoring from the penalty spot with 24 minutes played.

Beaten

Leon Broadhurst was deemed to have brought down his man after being beaten on the edge of the penalty area, but when Lee Butler stepped up to take it, Charlie Price flung himself to his right

to beat the ball away.

Moments later, Broadhurst was forced to head clear, with the home side claiming vociferously that the ball had crossed the line, and then from the ensuing corner Francino Francis put a free header wide.

Having withstood that flurry from the Schol-

ars, the Glassboys forged ahead on 38 minutes.
Dodd made progress down the right flank, and his ball into the area found Hawley 15 yards out, who controlled the ball and turned in one movement before slamming his shot into the roof of former Glassboy Jon Bateman's net.

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Glassboy Karl Hawley rockets a shot towards goal in the last pre-season friendly at Chasetown

The lead could have been doubled just three minutes later when Stuart Pierpoint climbed to meet Drew Canavan's corner only to direct his header straight at a relieved Bateman.

The second half saw few serious chances for either side as a procession of substitutes entered

the fray.

Chasetown could have levelled on 66 minutes

Clark on for Price at the break, was happy to see another free header sail harmlessly over the bar.

But instead Stourbridge did grab that second goal with 71 minutes played. Luke Connolly slipped the ball through to Chris Lait, whose run

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took him clear of the home defence to set up Dodd for a simple finish.

A seemingly comfortable closing few minutes

were made a little more awkward as Chasetown cut the arrears with three minutes to play.

Good play by Simon Brown and Danny Griffiths saw the latter foiled by the onrushing Solly, but when the ball came back into the box it was Dominic Dell who reacted quickest to slide home.

Stourbridge: Price (Solly 45), Green, Scarr (Wedderburn 77), Tonks (Connolly 69), Smikle (Lait 62), Pierpoint, Dodd, Broadhurst, Hawley (McPike 71), Hayward (Harris 62), Canavan.

New boy Rudy is raring to go again

NEW boy Rudy Gestede admits he can't wait to get his first taste of the Villa Park atmosphere against Manchester United on Friday. The 26-year-old made an instant im-

pact when he came off the bench to grab the winner in the claret and blues season

the winner in the claret and blues season opener at Bournemouth.

His goal sparked wild celebrations on the terraces and now the Benin-born hotshot is relishing the prospect of walking out in front of the Villa Park faithful for the first time.

"It was an amazing feeling to celebrate with the fans," he said.
"I can't wait for Friday now. I am

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